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**One Hundred and Fourteenth Legislature  
Second Regular Session**

**Joint Standing Committee  
Bill Summaries**

**June 1990**

This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number for each committee.

All Adopted Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action is listed to the right of the title. Committee Reports and Floor Action are abbreviated as follows:

OTP	Ought to Pass
OTP-ND	Ought to Pass in New Draft
OTP-ND-NT	Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
OTP-A	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

Each individual summary was prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including secretaries: Charlene Raymond, and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

Please give us your suggestions and comments on these summaries and tell us of any inaccuracies.

Allow pneumatic-tired Class A and B special mobile equipment to move by special permit.

Require written certification in writing by the Commissioner of Education to DMV that an applicant for school bus drivers endorsement satisfies the commissioner's existing training, physical, mental and moral requirements.

Limit the prohibition on obscuring items on registration plates to those items necessary for identification purposes.

Allow suspension, revocation or assignment of points by DMV based on offenses in other provinces on the same basis as other states.

Make notice of suspension or revocation sufficient if delivered by hand, or sent by regular mail, to the last address filed with DMV.

Deem notices of suspension for provisional licenses and OUI received 5 days after mailing unless returned by the postal service.

Make operating a vehicle with an expired certificate of inspection a traffic infraction rather than a misdemeanor.

Allow a for-hire motor carrier to satisfy the motor vehicle liability insurance requirement for obtaining a State operating permit with insurance from a company that is licensed only in another state, if the insurance company presents an indemnity bond.

Limit the exemption of car or van pools from the Maine Highway Transportation Act to those incidental to the livelihood of the owner and operator, and require that they file proof of insurance with DMV, rather than the Bureau of Insurance.

**LD 2045**

**An Act to Amend Certain Laws Dealing with Motor Vehicle Inspections**

**PUBLIC 754  
EMERGENCY**

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**COMMITTEE REPORT**

OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

S-573

**SUMMARY**

The committee amendment (S-573) addresses the same issues, as the bill, but replaces it, adds an emergency clause and will:

- repeal a requirement for the owner to remove the inspection sticker upon private sale of a motor vehicle.
- delay a revised commercial vehicle inspection law to July 1, 1990, when new federal regulations take effect, and allow federal commercial vehicle inspections to be accepted in Maine.
- simplify procedures for adoption by reference of federal regulations for transportation of hazardous materials and for motor carrier safety by exempting them from the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, while requiring filing, publication and availability.
- exempt rear windows in limousines from tinting restrictions applicable to other passenger vehicles, and allow commercial installers to certify tinted glass installed by others.

- make the owner or operator, rather than the police, responsible for returning to the State Police the out-of-service sticker on an overweight vehicle after the overweight has been corrected.
- clarify that a person may have a motor vehicle inspected more frequently than annually, if desired.
- reenact the altered vehicle registration and inspection requirements with a new effective date of March 1, 1991.

**LD 2060**      **Resolve, to Permit the Maine Veterans' Home to Place a Sign on U.S. Route 1.**      **RESOLVE 62  
EMERGENCY**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b> MARTIN J	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b> OTP	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
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**SUMMARY**

This resolve authorizes the Maine Veterans' Home to place a granite sign on the turnaround on U.S. Route 1 in Scarborough.

**LD 2087**      **An Act to Authorize Discretion in the Use of Sirens on Ambulance Vehicles**      **PUBLIC 707**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b> GREENLAW COLLINS THERIAULT CARROLL D	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b> OTP-AM	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b> H-837
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**SUMMARY**

Present law requires emergency vehicles to use both a flashing light and a siren in order to gain the right-of-way. The bill would make the use of the siren optional.

The committee amendment (H-837) limits this to ambulances. It also requires a departmental review, led by the Department of Public Safety, of special privileges for emergency vehicles.

**LD 2092**      **An Act Concerning the Travel Information Advisory Council**      **PUBLIC 735  
EMERGENCY**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b> GWADOSKY TARDY MILLS	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b> OTP-AM	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b> H-761
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**SUMMARY**

The Travel Information Advisory Council was established in 1981 to advise the Commissioner of Transportation on highway signs. The bill adds a Senator and a Representative to the council. It also requires the Council to study the operation of present law and possible alternatives and report to the Legislature in 1991.

The committee amendment (H-761): makes the legislative members temporary, during the study period from now until 1991; changes one seat to the garden clubs instead of the Keep Maine Scenic Committee, which no longer exists; sets staggered dates for all the terms, and adds an emergency clause and a fiscal note, costs absorbed.