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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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AUGUST 1991**

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 volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries.

All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H - 584 or S - 222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

PUBLIC XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
P&S XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
RESOLVE XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
CON RES XXX	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
EMERGENCY	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
CARRIED OVER	<i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	<i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
ONTP	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
LVWD	<i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>
INDEF PP	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
VETO SUSTAINED	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
UNSIGNED	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	<i>Action incomplete when 1st session ended</i>

These summaries were 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.

If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

LD 78 An Act to Eliminate the Front Motor Vehicle License Plate LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BALDACCI VOSE TWITCHELL	LV/WD	

SUMMARY

This bill would have eliminated the front license plate requirement for motor vehicles. If this bill had been enacted, only the rear number plate could have been displayed upon any vehicle.

LD 93 An Act to Authorize Certified Reserve Officers to Enforce Motor Vehicle Registration Laws PUBLIC 10

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
LIBBY CARROLL J BAILEY H PAUL	OTP	

SUMMARY

This bill authorizes certified reserve officers to issue permits for the towing or operation of an unregistered motor vehicle.

LD 104 An Act to Authorize the Issuance of State Identification Cards to People Under the Age of 21 LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
RICHARDS HANLEY MACBRIDE	LV/WD	

SUMMARY

This bill would have permitted the Secretary of State to issue official state nondriver photographic identification cards to individuals 15 to 20 years old. The Secretary of State presently issues photographic I.D. cards to individuals 21 years or older who are non-drivers. If this bill had been enacted, it would have required that the cards be color-coded to easily distinguish them from the cards issued to those 21 years and older.

Also see LD's 1567 and 1619 referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

LD 121 An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Travel Information Advisory Council Concerning Informational Signs (Reported Pursuant to Public Laws 1989, chapter 735) PUBLIC 387

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
	OTP-AM	H-247 TARDY H-72 S-58 THERIAULT

SUMMARY

The bill would have allowed farmers selling primarily their own produce to erect signs advertising their

crops from June 15th to November 1st of each year. Additionally the bill would have raised the initial license fee and renewal fee for official business directional signs from not more than \$30 to not more than \$100 each.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-72) replaces the original bill. The amendment permits growers of fresh fruit and vegetable crops to erect signs, from June 15th to November 1st of each year, advertising produce grown on the premises. The amendment allows these signs to be erected in the right-of-way of highways that receive no federal aid. This amendment allows the erection of up to 6 signs. The amendment also adds an emergency preamble and clause.

House Amendment "F" (H-247) to Committee Amendment "A" replaces section 2 of Committee Amendment "A". This amendment permits growers of fresh fruit and vegetable crops to erect signs advertising produce grown on the premises and available for immediate sale. These signs may be erected from June 15th until November 1st of each year. The amendment limits the number of signs to 4 and the maximum size to 8 square feet. Signs may be erected within the right-of-ways of highways not receiving federal aid. These signs must be at the edge of the right-of-ways.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-58) to Committee Amendment "A" strikes from the bill the emergency preamble and emergency clause.

LD 133 An Act Concerning the Use of Headlights LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
TUPPER	LV/WD	
HICHBORN		
SALISBURY		
GOULD R R		

SUMMARY

Current law requires the use of headlights and taillights when atmospheric conditions make persons and vehicles not clearly discernible at 500 feet ahead. This bill would have made the conditions warranting use of lights more stringent by requiring the use of headlights and taillights under the same condition at 1,000 feet.

Additionally, the bill would have added a civil fine of not less than \$50 for a violation of the act and would have removed a redundant provision regarding the use of headlights from 29 MRSA §1366.

See LD 17, a similar bill, which was enacted.

LD 159 An Act to Require the Use of Headlights During Inclement Weather While Windshield Wipers are in Use LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
O'DEA	LV/WD	

SUMMARY

This bill would have required that headlights and taillights be illuminated when it is raining or at any other time extended use of windshield wipers is necessary. Additionally, it would have removed redundant language from 29 MRSA §1366.

See LD 17, a similar bill, which was enacted.