

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
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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:

<b>PUBLIC XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<b>P&amp;S XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<b>RESOLVE XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<b>CON RES XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<b>EMERGENCY</b>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<b>CARRIED OVER</b>	<i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>
<b>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</b>	<i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<b>ONTP</b>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<b>LVWD</b>	<i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>
<b>INDEF PP</b>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<b>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</b>	<i>House &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<b>VETO SUSTAINED</b>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
<b>UNSIGNED</b>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<b>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</b>	<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 167**

**An Act to Amend the Law Governing Abandoned Vehicles**

**LV/WD**

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LIBBY  
STEVENS A

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
LV/WD

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have amended the law concerning abandoned vehicles. The bill provided for the reduction of the period after which a vehicle may be considered abandoned from 30 to 14 days. The bill would have allowed ownership of a vehicle to transfer to the owner of the premises or property when notice has been returned, unclaimed or refused.

Additionally, the bill would have decreased the civil fine for holder of an abandoned vehicle who does not comply with the law, from \$25 to \$5 per day, and added a requirement that only holders who knowingly violate the law may be fined and lose their claim to storing fees.

This bill was withdrawn in light of LD 653 which dealt with the same topic.

**LD 178**

**An Act to Authorize Flag Plates on Motor Vehicles**

**PUBLIC 7  
EMERGENCY**

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**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
S-24

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have allowed the Secretary of State, upon evidence of completion of the registration process, to authorize the use of a flag plate in place of a regular front motor vehicle registration plate.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-24) replaces the original bill. The amendment allows the Secretary of State to sell flag plates independent of the registration process and prescribes how the plates must be attached to a registered vehicle. It authorizes municipal agents to issue flag plates and collect a \$1 service charge. The amendment includes an emergency preamble and clause, an allocation and a fiscal note.

**LD 207**

**Resolve, to Construct an Additional Exit on Interstate 95 near the Bangor Mall**

**LV/WD**

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**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
LV/WD

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This resolve would have allocated funds from the Highway Fund for the construction of an additional exit ramp off Interstate 95 to relieve traffic congestion at the Bangor Mall.