

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE  
115TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
AND  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
TRANSPORTATION**

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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
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BILL SUMMARIES  
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:

<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 329 An Act to Provide Greater Safety for School Children Crossing Public Ways**

**ONTP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
CATHCART	ONTP	
MILLS		
LAWRENCE		
NORTON		

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have made it illegal to fail or refuse to follow directions from a school crossing guard. Violation of this provision would have been a Class E crime.

**LD 364 An Act Relating to Lifiable or Variable Load Suspension Axles for 100,000-pound General Commodity Vehicles**

**PUBLIC 411**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
TWITCHELL	OTP-AM	S-232

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have prohibited a combination vehicle, consisting of a 3-axle tractor operating in combination with a tri-axle semitrailer that has been retrofitted or modified for lift axles after October 1, 1991, from receiving a 100,000-pound general commodity permit.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-232) replaces the original bill. This amendment requires that all 100,000 pound general commodity permit vehicles that are manufactured, modified or retrofitted with lifiable or variable suspension axles after October 30, 1991 meet certain conditions with respect to those axles.

**LD 416 An Act to Fund the Replacement of a Passenger Ferry of the Casco Bay Island Transit District**

**ONTP-MAJ REP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>		<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
RAND	ONTP	MAJ	
BRANNIGAN	OTP-AM	MIN	
CONLEY			
ADAMS			

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have provided \$375,000 to pay the 30% local share of the replacement cost of a passenger ferry boat for the Casco Bay Island Transit District. The remaining seventy percent of the replacement cost would have been covered by a federal grant.

**LD 432 Resolve, to Increase the State's Funding Share for the Augusta Capitol Street and Armory Street Project**

**ONTP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
BUSTIN	ONTP	
PARADIS P		
DAGGETT		
THERIAULT		

**SUMMARY**

This resolve would have exempted the Augusta Capitol Street and Armory Street project from the Department

of Transportation funding ratio for urban system highways. The resolve would have increased the state-funded portion of the project from 5% to 25% in light of State Government's impact on the streets surrounding the State House and state offices and the tax-exempt status of state property in Augusta's total valuation.

**LD 443      An Act to Establish Special Designating Registration Plates for Veterans of Iwo Jima      ONTP**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MANNING HALE	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have authorized special registration plates for veterans who participated in the World War II Iwo Jima campaign.

LD 1779, which was enacted, authorizes special registration plates for a variety of veterans, including those who participated in the Iwo Jima campaign.

**LD 446      An Act Relating to the Dissemination of Driver Record Information      LV/WD**

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

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have expanded the definition of which records maintained by the Secretary of State are confidential. Currently, all records pertaining to applications and registrations of vehicles and operators' licenses are open for public inspection, except for "complaints in writing" and "control numbers used in titling motor vehicles." This bill would have added to the list of confidential documents driver record information concerning convictions, adjudications, accidents and license/registration suspensions or revocations, if that information was entered more than 3 years before the request for information. Law enforcement officials, employees of the court, prosecutors, and other people designated by the Secretary of State would still have had access to this information.

The bill would have required that those seeking to inspect records do so in person, provide I.D., and complete a written statement as to their reason for inspecting the documents.

**LD 452      An Act to Amend the Law Regarding the Display of Legislative Plates      PUBLIC 40  
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
O'DEA CARROLL D RUHLIN	OTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill permits state officials to display on their motor vehicles one regular registration plate and one special registration plate.