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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:

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 522

An Act to Protect the Safety of Motorcycle Passengers

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)
STEVENS P
MILLS

COMMITTEE REPORT
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have provided that motorcycle passengers may only ride on the rear of the permanent, regular seat, or on a separate seat attached to the rear of the regular seat.

LD 526

An Act to Amend the Minimum Age for Obtaining a Driver's License

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)
LIBBY

COMMITTEE REPORT
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have lowered the age requirement to obtain a driver's license from 16 years to 15 years, 6 months. It also provided that the following three requirements be met before the issuance of a license or an instruction permit to a minor:

1. Authorization from a parent, guardian, spouse over 18, or if none of these exist, an employer for unemancipated minors (this is the same as current law);
2. Proof that the minor is on the honor roll for that grading period prior to application and a signed statement from a guidance counselor that the minor is capable of being a responsible driver (new requirement); and
3. Completion of a driver's education course (current law already requires this for those applying for an instruction permit and for those under 17 years of age applying for a license).

LD 535

An Act to Require the Secretary of State to Notify Owners When Motor Vehicle Registrations Are Due to Expire

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
HOLLOWAY
HOLT

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have required the Secretary of State or a designee to notify holders of motor vehicle registrations as to when those registrations are due to expire. The bill would have required the notice to be sent no more than 60 days and no less than 30 days before the expiration.