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**BILL SUMMARIES
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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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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.

An Act to Provide Special License Plates for Recipients of the Purple Heart**SPONSOR(S)**

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COMMITTEE REPORT

ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**SUMMARY**

This bill would have authorized special registration plates for veterans who have been awarded the Purple Heart.

LD 1779, which was enacted, authorizes special registration plates for a variety of veterans, including those who are recipients of the Purple Heart.

LD 719**An Act to Deauthorize the Widening of the Maine Turnpike and to Create a Sensible Transportation Policy****SPONSOR(S)****COMMITTEE REPORT**

ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**SUMMARY**

This initiated bill has 3 major sections:

First, the initiative establishes a statewide transportation policy to be implemented by the Department of Transportation in conjunction with the Maine Turnpike Authority and other state agencies. That policy:

1. Requires evaluation of the full range of alternatives to highway construction or reconstruction and gives preference to nonconstruction alternatives, such as traffic management and public transit systems, to meet transportation needs;
2. Minimizes public health and environmental impacts of transportation decisions;
3. Establishes a public participation process for municipal and citizen involvement in transportation planning and decisions;
4. Promotes use of energy-efficient forms of transportation and discourages transportation modes reliant on foreign oil;
5. Integrates land use planning decisions with transportation planning decisions; and
6. Ensures that the State's transportation network meets the diverse needs of rural and urban populations, as well as the mobility requirements of the elderly and the disabled.

Second, the initiative deauthorizes the widening of the Maine Turnpike from Exit 1 to Exit 6-A and requires that any future proposals to widen the turnpike comply with the transportation policy. The initiative does not alter the existing requirement that the Legislature approve future turnpike widening proposals.

Third, the initiative requires the transfer of surplus money collected by the Maine Turnpike Authority to the Department of Transportation. Once transferred to the Department of Transportation, this money is