

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE
115TH LEGISLATURE**

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AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES
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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
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 1003

An Act to Establish Special Designating Registration Plates for Vietnam Veterans of the Tet Offensive

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
KETTERER

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have authorized special registration plates for veterans who were stationed in Vietnam during the Tet Offensive.

LD 1779 authorizes special registration plates for a variety of veterans, including those who were stationed in Vietnam during the Tet Offensive.

LD 1031

An Act to Exempt Military-trained Drivers from State Driver's License Examination Requirements

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
NUTTING

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have granted discretion to the Secretary of State to waive an operator's license examination for former military personnel who previously held a military driver's license.

LD 1057

Resolve, to Name the Bridge Spanning the Little Madawaska River in Caribou the "B. Morrell Bridge"

RESOLVE 8

SPONSOR(S)
COLLINS
BELL
ANDERSON

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
S-96

SUMMARY

This resolve names the bridge spanning the Little Madawaska River on Route 223 in Caribou the "B. Morrell Bridge."

Committee Amendment "A" (S-96) adds a fiscal note to the resolve.

LD 1058

An Act to Mandate the Use of Seat Belts

PUBLIC 470

SPONSOR(S)
BRANNIGAN
COLLINS

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP A
OTP-AM B
OTP-AM C

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
S-249 REP 'B'

SUMMARY

This bill would have required drivers and passengers of motor vehicles to wear seat belts if their vehicles were equipped with seat belts by the manufacturer. Failure to wear a seat belt would have carried a \$25 fine for a first offense and a \$50 fine for subsequent offenses.

Ambulance personnel would not have been required to wear seat belts while they were engaged in direct lifesaving patient care. Additionally, a rear seat passenger would not have been required to wear a seat belt if all available seating positions equipped with seat belts were occupied.