

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE  
115TH LEGISLATURE**

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AND  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
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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>

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If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

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**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-439

**SUMMARY**

This bill makes several changes to the motor vehicles laws. The bill amends the definition of "antique motorcycle" and enacts a definition of "farming and agriculture" and "pilot vehicle". It also amends the vehicle registration laws regarding the responsibility for the registration status of a vehicle. The bill amends a section of law describing the use of dealer plates.

This bill requires a nonresident to have an operator's license to operate a motor vehicle in a parking area. It requires a law enforcement officer to submit the original of an accident report to the Chief of the State Police. The bill also clarifies language regarding the towing of a vehicle.

The bill prohibits the use of any light on a vehicle that is not original equipment or authorized or required by law. It amends a section of law dealing with escorts of oversized loads. It also amends the requirement that a red flag be attached to a protruding load to correspond with the current Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations.

The bill raises the fee for school bus inspections from \$4 to \$6 and provides that police officers may examine vehicle identification numbers on all parts of motor vehicles. It changes the inspection laws to make failure to display a current and valid certificate of inspection a traffic infraction in all cases. The bill amends the requirement that commercial vehicles be inspected to include the gross vehicle weight rating in determining which vehicles must be inspected. The bill also replaces the current law regarding the hearing process for suspension or revocation of the license of an official inspection station or an inspection mechanic.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-439) makes several technical changes in the bill. The amendment deletes sections of the bill dealing with the registration of motor vehicles, the use of lights that are not original equipment on motor vehicles and the fee charged for school bus inspections. The amendment reduces the size of the red flag required to be attached to an overlength load to be consistent with federal regulations. The amendment changes a reference from police officers to State Police officers and adds a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 1241 An Act to Clarify Vehicle Registration Laws****ONTP**

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**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

Current practice requires registering some vehicles for a higher weight than they may legally carry. This bill would have limited registration to the legal gross weight of each vehicle.