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

**An Act to Clarify Use of Motor Vehicle Auxiliary Lights and
Emergency Signals (Reported Pursuant to Public Law 1989,
chapter 707, section 5)**

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COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

OTP-AM

H-458

SUMMARY

This bill repeals several sections in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29 that refer to the display and use of auxiliary and emergency lights and enact these provisions in one new section. The bill also consolidates the sections on right-of-way, exercise of privileges and use of sirens by authorized emergency vehicles.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-458) makes several minor changes in the bill. The amendment clarifies the use of Department of Corrections vehicles in emergency situations and clarifies the definition of a hazardous material response vehicle. The amendment incorporates statutory language enacted earlier this session into the bill and makes other technical changes.

LD 1460**An Act to Establish a Scenic Roadway Designation in the
State****ONTP**

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

ESTES

ONTP

SUMMARY

This bill would have created a scenic road or street designation in the State. Once a road or street had received scenic designation, the consent of the municipal officers would have been required before mature trees and stone walls could have been removed along that road or street.

LD 1495**An Act Dealing with Abandoned Automobiles in the State****PUBLIC 349**

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

JACQUES

OTP-AM

H-383

SUMMARY

This bill would have made abandonment of a vehicle a Class E crime and established a rebuttable presumption that the registered owner was the one who abandoned the vehicle.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-383) replaces the original bill. This amendment makes abandonment of a motor vehicle a civil violation and makes the person who abandons a vehicle responsible for the towing charges associated with that abandonment. The amendment also includes a fiscal note.

LD 1499**An Act to Improve Motorcycle Driver Education****PUBLIC 522**

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COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

LARRIVEE

OTP-AM

H-457

HEINO

H-582

LARRIVEE

MILLS

S-364

MCKEEN

SUMMARY

The State's current Motorcycle Driver Education Program has been conducted only in classroom settings and