

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
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SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES**

**MAY 1992**

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 far right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

PUBLIC XXX	Chapter # of enacted Public Law
P&S XXX	Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
RESOLVE XXX	Chapter # of enacted Resolve
CON RES XXX	Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
EMERGENCY	Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days
CARRIED OVER	Bill carried over to Special Session
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass report accepted
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw report accepted
INDEF PP	Bill Indefinitely Postponed
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	House and Senate disagree; bill died
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE	Committee of Conference formed but unable to agree
VETO SUSTAINED	Legislature filed to override Governor's Veto
UNSIGNED	Not signed by Governor within 10 days
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	Action incomplete when session ended; bill died

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, 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 2042 An Act Concerning Highway Traffic Laws**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
CROWLEY  
TAMMARO  
HALE

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill directs the Department of Transportation to install and maintain signs directing traffic to keep to the right except to pass on roads that have a passing lane on an inclined grade.

The committee reported the bill out ONTP and by letter directed the DOT to review current signing practices and the accident histories of truck passing lanes, including certain portions of Route 1-A north of Stockton Springs mentioned by the sponsor as being problematic. The department is to report its findings to the committee.

**LD 2049 An Act Regarding Special Plates**

PUBLIC 869  
EMERGENCY

**SPONSOR(S)**  
MACOMBER  
STROUT

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-980  
S-779 ESTY

**SUMMARY**

This bill repeals the recently enacted law that provided for a number of differently identified special plates for various types of veterans.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-980) establishes a generic veterans registration plate program for any veteran of the military service who has been honorably discharged. The amendment also changes the bill title and adds an allocation and a fiscal note.

The Senate Amendment (S-779) extends the period of availability of United States flag plates for one year to March 30, 1993, changes the title of the bill and replaces the fiscal note.

**LD 2089 An Act to Amend Certain Motor Vehicle Laws**

PUBLIC 758

**SPONSOR(S)**  
MACOMBER  
BAILEY H  
THERIAULT  
STROUT

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-1163  
S-655 TWITCHELL

**SUMMARY**

This bill amends various sections of the motor vehicle laws. The bill:

1. Clarifies the law concerning motor vehicle registration plates for all unmarked law enforcement vehicles;
2. Changes the requirement of the Secretary of State to provide testing for commercial drivers from within 7 days to within 14 days;
3. Requires that a driver's license must show a mailing address; and