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BILL SUMMARIES**

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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 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.

Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star Medal with Combat V, the Air Medal with V, the Army Accommodation with V and veterans to the Vietnam War and World War II to those authorized to receive and display special veterans' registration plates and emblems. (See LD 2049)

LD 2112 An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Salvage Laws

PUBLIC 700

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT		AMENDMENTS ADOPTED	
MACOMBER	OTP-AM	MAJ	H-928	MAJ REP
STROUT	OTP-AM	MIN		
THERIAULT				
BAILEY H				

SUMMARY

This bill requires an insurer to obtain a certificate of salvage within 20 days of settling a total loss claim on a vehicle. It also requires any person who acquires a salvage vehicle to obtain a certificate of salvage if one has not already been issued and the vehicle is to be repaired for use on the road. A person who repairs or rebuilds a salvage vehicle is required to disclose any repairs made to the transferee of the vehicle. The bill also clarifies the legends that must appear on certificates of salvage and subsequently issued Maine titles.

The majority report, Committee Amendment "A" (H-928), requires the Secretary of State to act on an application for a certificate of salvage within 20 days. The amendment also replaces reference to "authorized agent" of an insurance company in the bill with reference to an insurer's "designee" to avoid confusion with insurance sales agents.

LD 2155 An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws

PUBLIC 694

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT		AMENDMENTS ADOPTED	
BAILEY R	OTP-AM		H-943	
MACOMBER				
STROUT				
THERIAULT				

SUMMARY

This bill makes several changes in the laws concerning motor vehicles. It adds the definition of "solid waste" and clarifies certain truck weight tolerances on the highways. It makes a technical change concerning the use of amber lights on snowplows and amends the law concerning stopping for a law enforcement officer to prohibit an operator of a motor vehicle from exiting the motor vehicle until the law enforcement officer indicates to do so.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-943) adds clarifying language to the definition of "solid waste" contained in the bill. The amendment also clarifies the bill's language regarding the use of amber lights on snowplows to require the wing light be in use only when the truck is plowing. Finally, the amendment deletes from the bill the section that amended the law governing the conduct of a driver of a vehicle that has been stopped by a law enforcement officer.