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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
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.

The committee report or reports, the prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor in each house if one has been designated are listed below each bill title. 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:

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

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determined. The bill also would have required that these reports be provided to the Secretary of State. This information would then have been available to insurance companies upon request.

LD 786 **An Act to Authorize Modifications to Tolls on the Maine Turnpike**

PUBLIC 116

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
RICHARDSON BRANNIGAN	OTP	

SUMMARY

The purpose of this bill is to allow the Maine Turnpike Authority and the Department of Transportation to respond to new initiatives in transportation planning. It authorizes the Maine Turnpike to operate open barrier toll collection systems.

LD 832 **An Act to Decrease Traffic Accidents through Creation of an Intermediate License for Minors**

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
FAIRCLOTH PARADIS J	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

SUMMARY

This bill proposed to raise the age and experience requirements for a person accompanying someone operating with an instruction permit. The bill provided for an intermediate license to be issued to persons under 18 years of age. An intermediate licensee could not drive between 12:00 midnight and 5:00 a.m. unless accompanied by an adult who had been licensed for 3 years. Provisions for solo driving when an activity or employment necessitates were included in the bill. A holder of an intermediate license could apply for an operator's license when the licensee had completed 12 consecutive months of driving without a moving violation. This bill extended from 1 year to 2 years the period during which a minor's license could be automatically suspended for a motor vehicle moving violation. The bill also required the Secretary of State to issue persons under 21 years of age licenses with a profile photograph instead of a full-face photograph and to color code intermediate licenses.

The committee amendment (H-391) is the minority report. The amendment replaced the original bill. The amendment contained the following provisions:

1. It changed the restrictions on who could accompany a person operating on an instruction permit to 2 years' experience as a licensed driver without a "major" motor vehicle violation during that 2-year period; and
2. It established an intermediate license for persons under 18 years of age. An intermediate licensee could not drive between 12:00 midnight and 5:00 a.m. unless accompanied by a person meeting the criteria for a person accompanying a person operating on an instruction permit. Provisions for a waiver of the nighttime restriction were included for solo driving when an activity or employment necessitates that waiver. An intermediate license would become an operator's license upon completion of 12 months of driving without a violation or upon the licensee's 21st birthday.

The amendment also added a fiscal note.