

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE  
116TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES**

**JULY 1993**

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&amp;S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; 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 &amp; 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.

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

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**LD 921**      **An Act to Authorize the Operation of Articulated Buses on  
Maine Highways**      PUBLIC 122

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b> BAILEY R	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b> OTP-AM	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b> H-185
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**SUMMARY**

This bill authorizes the operation of articulated buses without a special permit on the State's highways under certain conditions. The amendment (H-185) adds a fiscal note.

**LD 1003**      **An Act to Allow Reimbursement to Local Fire Departments by  
the Turnpike Authority of Maine**      ONTP

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b> LAWRENCE	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b> ONTP	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
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**SUMMARY**

This bill would have required the Maine Turnpike Authority to reimburse municipal fire departments for actual costs incurred in responding to calls on the Maine Turnpike.

**LD 1009**      **An Act to Facilitate Traffic Movement over Bridges and Ways**      ONTP

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b> BALDACCI	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b> ONTP	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
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**SUMMARY**

This bill would have permitted any police officer to escort oversized vehicles over bridges and ways. Current law requires the escort to be a state police officer.

**LD 1043**      **An Act Concerning the Definition of Compact Area for  
Municipalities**      PUBLIC 163

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b> BAILEY R	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b> OTP	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
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**SUMMARY**

This bill conforms the definitions of "compact area" in the Maine Revised Statutes, Titles 23 and 35-A. Title 35-A, sections 2502 and 2503 establish utility licensing authority between the Department of Transportation and municipal authorities depending on the limits of compact areas. Because of the 2 differing definitions, confusion has arisen when the town population is between 5,000 and 6,000.

**LD 1097**      **An Act Repealing Advisory Boards on Transportation  
Matters**      PUBLIC 420

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b> OTP-AM	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b> H-248 H-324 O'GARA
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**SUMMARY**

Part A repeals the Maine Aeronautical Advisory Board.

Part B repeals the Maine State Ferry Advisory Board.

Part C repeals the Maine Highway Safety Commission.

Part D repeals the Medical Advisory Board (Licensing of Drivers).

Part E repeals the Maine Transportation Capital Improvement Planning Commission.

Part F repeals the Travel Information Advisory Council.

This bill was submitted in compliance with Public Law 1991, chapter 844, section 8, which requires the Secretary of State to submit legislation repealing all advisory boards and commissions listed in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, sections 12004-I and 12004-J as well as other advisory boards and commissions with similar functions.

The committee amendment (H-248) replaces the original bill and repeals only the Maine Transportation Capital Improvement Planning Commission. The amendment retains the Maine Aeronautical Advisory Board, the Maine State Ferry Advisory Board, the Maine Highway Safety Commission, the Medical Advisory Board and the Travel Information Advisory Council. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

The amendment (H-324) adds an allocation section that was inadvertently left off Committee Amendment "A".

**LD 1127      An Act Concerning the Registration of Tree Farm Vehicles      ONTP**

**SPONSOR(S)                      COMMITTEE REPORT                      AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
BEGLEY                              ONTP

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have allowed a truck owned by a woodland owner and used primarily in the course of activities related to tree farming to be registered as a farm motor truck.

**LD 1131      An Act to Give Law Enforcement Agencies the Option of Including Red Lights as a Part of Emergency Vehicle Auxiliary Lighting      ONTP**

**SPONSOR(S)                      COMMITTEE REPORT                      AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
CONLEY                              ONTP

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have permitted law enforcement agencies to include red lights in combination with existing emergency auxiliary vehicle lighting.

**LD 1134      An Act to Facilitate the Procurement of License Plates for County-owned Vehicles      ONTP**

**SPONSOR(S)                      COMMITTEE REPORT                      AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
HALL                                  ONTP