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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
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**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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dealers from having "open" transfers without the prior owner listed as a seller or their dealership listed as buyer or without a current odometer reading.

The bill applies the abandoned vehicle laws to a vehicle left on residential property for more than 6 months, even if the individual owning the residence gave permission for the vehicle owner to park at the residence.

The bill authorizes the Secretary of State to enter into a multistate agreement for the purpose of providing continuous proof of for-hire motor carrier liability insurance. The bill makes changes necessary to facilitate Maine's participation in the International Registration Plan.

The amendment (H-506) adds an emergency preamble and an emergency clause to the bill and designates effective dates for various sections of the bill. The amendment strikes from the original bill the provision that handicapped persons registering a motorcycle be issued a handicap plate for the motorcycle. It adds a definition for "trolley trailer" and allows passengers to ride in a trailer that meets this definition.

The amendment raises from \$1 to \$2 the service charge that a municipal agent may charge to issue a renewal of an operator's license. It allows the Secretary of State to appoint agents, other than municipal agents, for the sole purpose of issuing renewals for operator's licenses. The agent may charge a fee of \$2. It amends that section of the bill providing for a 6-year license. The amendment provides for a 6-year license to be issued to all operators under 65 years of age; operators 65 years of age or older would continue to be issued 4-year licenses. The Commissioner of Transportation is directed to adopt lighting standards for highway maintenance equipment in addition to the lighting requirements in law. The amendment provides for the Commissioner of Transportation and the Commissioner of Public Safety to concur on rules adopted by the Secretary of State to implement the multistate agreement.

The amendment establishes the Task Force to Study the Safe Mobility of Maine's Aging Population. The task force is charged with reviewing transportation alternatives for an aging population, licensing provisions for the driving population, educational programs to improve driving performance and confidence and highway travel considerations for an aging population. In addition, the task force may recommend legislation addressing the findings of its study.

The amendment also makes several technical changes to the original bill and adds an allocation section and a fiscal note.

**LD 1456**

**An Act to Make Allocations from Maine Turnpike Authority Funds for the Maine Turnpike Authority for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1994**

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**SPONSOR(S)**

BRANNIGAN

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

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**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

S-186

**SUMMARY**

This bill makes allocations from the gross revenues of the Maine Turnpike Authority for the Authority's fiscal year ending December 31, 1994, in accordance with the requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1961, subsection 6 and the authority's general bond resolution.

The amendment (S-186) adds a fiscal note.