

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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BILL SUMMARIES  
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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES**

**MAY 1994**

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, 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:

*PUBLIC XXX*

*P&S XXX*

*RESOLVE XXX*

*CON RES XXX*

*EMERGENCY*

*ONTP*

*INDEF PP*

*FAILED ENACTMENT*

*FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT*

*FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT*

*DIED BETWEEN BODIES*

*CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE*

*VETO SUSTAINED*

*UNSIGNED*

*DIED ON ADJOURNMENT*

*Chapter # of enacted Public Law*

*Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law*

*Chapter # of enacted Resolve*

*Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses*

*Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days*

*Ought Not to Pass report accepted*

*Bill Indefinitely Postponed*

*Bill failed to get majority vote*

*Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote*

*Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote*

*House & Senate disagree; bill died*

*Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died*

*Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto*

*Not signed by Governor within 10 days*

*Action incomplete when session ended; bill died*

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**LD 1599**

**An Act Concerning the Hauling of Mobile Homes on the Roads and Highways of the State**

**PUBLIC 484  
EMERGENCY**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
GOULD R R  
LINDAHL

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
S-389

**SUMMARY**

This bill allows the Secretary of State to waive the insurance requirement for a mobile home dealer if the dealer certifies that the dealer does not haul mobile homes on public roads and highways.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-389) clarifies the language of the bill. It adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause and a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 1608 An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws**

**PUBLIC 515**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
BAILEY R

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-749

**SUMMARY**

This bill makes the following changes in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29.

1. It provides that an accident involving only a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle not registered for highway use does not have to be reported as a motor vehicle accident. Accidents involving those types of vehicles are required to be reported under Title 12.
2. It provides that vehicles used or provided by contract security companies for traffic control at construction sites on a public way may only use amber auxiliary lights.
3. Current law requires that motorcycles have one headlight. This bill requires that motorcycles have at least one headlight.
4. It provides that rear lights on a trailer installed by the manufacturer of the trailer may be more than 12 inches from the rear of the trailer.
5. It authorizes enforcement officers to stop any motor vehicle for purposes of inspecting air pollution control systems.
6. It excludes street rods from the requirement that vehicles be equipped with fenders.
7. It authorizes a law enforcement officer who issues a permit to move a motor vehicle to an inspection station to also issue a permit for a trailer.
8. It authorizes a fleet inspection station to inspect trailers.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-749) allows certified inspection mechanics to test drive vehicles in parking areas adjacent to an inspection station. The mechanic must have a valid operator's license but the license need not be for the class of vehicle being inspected. The amendment strikes the provision from the bill that authorized enforcement officers to stop a vehicle to inspect air pollution control systems. This amendment also makes technical corrections and adds a fiscal note to the bill.