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BILL SUMMARIES
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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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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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SPONSOR(S)
STROUT**COMMITTEE REPORT**
OTP-AM**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
H-886**SUMMARY**

This bill does the following.

1. Allows certain special mobile equipment ordinarily used off-highway to be operated from job site to job site without being registered or inspected.
2. Amends the definition of a Class C license for consistency with the Federal Highway Administration's definition of Group C type vehicles outlined in the motor carrier regulations as they relate to the Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1986.
3. Clarifies that a nonresident at least 16 years of age may operate a motor vehicle in this State with an instruction permit issued by that person's home state or province.
4. Increases the periods of license suspension for repeat offenders of the operating-under-the-influence laws.
5. Makes the photo license fee consistent with the 6-year driver license fee.
6. Authorizes the Secretary of State to make reciprocal licensing agreements with another jurisdiction of the United States and to take appropriate licensing action against violators.
7. Increases the motorcycle driver education certification time from one year to 2 years to complete a motorcycle road test.
8. Gives authority to the Secretary of State to reissue instruction permits in certain situations relevant to applicable licensing laws of the State.
9. Simplifies trailer registration procedures.
10. Authorizes the Secretary of State to suspend the license of a person whose license or privilege to operate a motor vehicle is suspended by another state or province.
11. Allows the State to participate in the single state registration system.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-886) does the following.

1. Allows the Secretary of State to receive funds and assets forfeited in accordance with criminal court procedures and requires funds and assets received to be used for law enforcement training or law enforcement equipment.
2. Requires a person receiving records by electronic transmittal to pay a fee associated with the cost of the transmittal.
3. Allows all trailers except camp trailers to register for a 2-year period.
4. Allows registered farm vehicles to obtain temporary weight increases for a period of one month.

5. Repeals hazardous materials transport provisions that have been found to be unconstitutional.
6. Allows a hearing-impaired person to complete a motorcycle driver education program using an electronic communications system.
7. Clarifies language in the original bill regarding continuation of an instruction permit.
8. Repeals the retaliatory tax laws that were found to be unconstitutional.
9. Allows the Secretary of State to accept an application in place of a title when the application is accompanied by a prior title.
10. Reduces the minimum insurance requirements on certain rental vehicles.
11. Amends the bill to clarify that persons advertising a limousine service are required to obtain a permit.
12. Restricts applications for state identification cards to residents of Maine and nonresidents who are living in Maine temporarily and have a mailing address in the State.
13. Allows the Secretary of State to charge an additional \$10 for the immediate issuance of a title or certificate of salvage.

The amendment also corrects cross-references. It adds an emergency preamble, an allocation section and a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 1778 An Act to Increase Safety in Highway Construction and Maintenance Work Areas ONTP

SPONSOR(S) O'GARA	COMMITTEE REPORT ONTP	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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SUMMARY

This bill would have doubled the amount of the civil fine imposed for a speeding violation if the violation occurred in a designated construction or maintenance area on a highway.

LD 1779 Resolve, to Designate Route 196 through Lisbon in Memory of Staff Sergeant Thomas Field RESOLVE 53

SPONSOR(S) JALBERT BERUBE	COMMITTEE REPORT OTP-AM	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED H-743
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SUMMARY

This resolve names Route 196 in Lisbon in honor of the memory of Staff Sergeant Thomas Field of Lisbon.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-743) adds a fiscal note to the resolve.