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BILL SUMMARIES
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**ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION BEFORE
THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES**

AUGUST 1995

This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing 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 publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, is helpful in determining to which committee any particular bill was referred.

In this document, 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 categories of final action are abbreviated as follows:

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

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. If more detailed information is needed on a bill, contact the committee analyst.

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Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

LD 22

An Act to Decrease the Minimum Required Amount of Liability Insurance for Certain Intrastate Vehicles

PUBLIC 67
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)
GWADOSKY

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-103

SUMMARY

This bill would have prohibited the Commissioner of Public Safety from requiring that a person transporting explosives intrastate only to have liability insurance coverage in excess of \$1,000,000.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-103) replaces the original bill. It requires a person transporting explosives intrastate in a vehicle of less than 10,000 pounds to have liability coverage of at least \$1,000,000. It prohibits the Commissioner of Public Safety from adopting a rule requiring liability insurance for these vehicles in excess of \$1,000,000. Farmers using explosives for their own use are exempt. It also adds an emergency and a fiscal note.

LD 34

An Act to Amend the Conservation Plates Law to Provide More Money to the Departments of Conservation and Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
TUTTLE

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have decreased the fee for renewal of environmental registration plates from \$20 to \$15. It would have decreased the amount of money transferred to the Secretary of State to cover the costs of production from \$10 to \$1 per set of plates issued and eliminated transfer to Secretary of State for renewals.

LD 37

An Act to Permit Illuminated Advertisements on Motor Vehicles When Used for Commercial Purposes

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
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COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP MAJ
OTP-AM MIN

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have allowed an owner or operator of a motor vehicle used for commercial purposes to place an illuminated sign on the motor vehicle for advertisement purposes. Standards for the size, color and placement of the sign would have been determined by the Commissioner of Public Safety.