

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

BILL SUMMARIES  
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ON  
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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 &amp; 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&amp;S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; 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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**SPONSOR(S)****COMMITTEE REPORT****AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**BEGLEY  
CAMPBELL**SUMMARY**

The bill proposes to repeal the Sensible Transportation Policy Act. The Sensible Transportation Policy Act requires the Department of Transportation, when making planning, capital investment and project decisions, to consider and comply with certain environmental and policy considerations and to establish a procedure for public participation.

**LD 72****An Act to Require Safety Seat Belts in New School Buses**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)****COMMITTEE REPORT****AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**CAREY  
BUSTIN

ONTP

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have required new school buses purchased after January 1, 1996 to be equipped with safety seat belts for use by all passengers.

**LD 102****An Act to Reduce the Cost of Business Directional Signs**

ONTP

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

LIBBY JD

ONTP

**SUMMARY**

Under current law, the initial license fee for an official business directional sign may not exceed \$30, and the annual renewal fee may not exceed \$30. This bill would have reduced both those fees to an amount not to exceed \$10.

**LD 107****An Act to Increase Funds Available to the Department of Conservation and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by Amending the Loon Plates Law**

ONTP

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

CAMERON

ONTP

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have required that contributions to the Maine Environmental Trust Fund received from the renewal of environmental registration plates remain in the fund for the use of the Department of Conservation and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and that no portion of these contributions be transferred to the Secretary of State.