

# MAINE STATE 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 &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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**LD 36**      **An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Emission Inspection Program to Extend the Period of Time Available for Repairs**      **ONTP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
GREENLAW	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have added recipients of social security benefits and retirement benefits to the list of people who have one year to repair their motor vehicles under the auto emissions testing program. The bill also would have allowed 180 days for repair of any motor vehicle.

**LD 48**      **An Act to Repeal the Motor Vehicle Emission Inspection Program**      **PUBLIC 50**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
LUTHER	OTP-AM	H-143

**SUMMARY**

This bill repeals the Motor Vehicle Emission Inspection Program, immediately upon enactment.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-143) adds allocation sections and a fiscal note to the bill.

See also LD 716. Both LD 716 and LD 48 repeal the auto emissions inspection program. LD 48, an emergency bill, provided for immediate repeal of the testing requirement (effective April 28, 1995); LD 716, a citizen-initiated bill, effective September 29, 1995 was enacted to alleviate the need to send the legislation to referendum in the fall.

**LD 88**      **An Act to Amend the Definition of Freshwater Wetland**      **ONTP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
BEGLEY	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have changed the definition of freshwater wetland by basing the determination on depth and duration of water inundation of the soil rather than by what vegetation the area that is inundated or saturated supports.

See LD 1544.

**LD 96**      **An Act to Limit Nuisance Actions and Noise Ordinances Relating to Sport Shooting Ranges**      **PUBLIC 231**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>		<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
MORRISON	OTP-AM	MAJ	H-251
	ONTP	MIN	H-274    GOULD

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to immunize owners of shooting ranges from civil and criminal prosecution for matters relating to noise or noise pollution at the shooting range, as long as the shooting range operated in compliance with noise control laws or ordinances in effect when the shooting range was constructed.