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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 108**      **An Act to Install Rumble Strips on the Turnpike and to Allocate Funds to Operate a 24-hour Weigh Station**      ONTP

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
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**SUMMARY**

This bill would have required the Maine Turnpike Authority to install rumble strips at each toll facility on the turnpike. This bill also would have allocated funds to operate a 24-hour weigh station in York. (See bill summary for LD 1562).

**LD 136**      **An Act to Create a New Maine Firefighter License Plate**      ONTP

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

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have required the special firefighter registration plate to incorporate the Maltese Cross.

**LD 137**      **An Act to Create a Purple Heart License Plate**      PUBLIC 190  
EMERGENCY

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
CAMPBELL CARPENTER	OTP-AM	H-154 S-123    PINGREE

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have authorized a special license plate to be issued to recipients of the Purple Heart.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-154) replaces the original bill. It establishes eligibility requirements for Purple Heart plates. The plates are only to be issued to vehicles in the automobile or pickup truck registration class. A Purple Heart medal recipient may be issued special plates for only 2 vehicles. The Secretary of State shall issue Purple Heart plates that are also vanity plates in accordance with the provisions of the vanity plate laws. The surviving spouse of a Purple Heart medal recipient who was issued Purple Heart plates may continue to use those plates. Family members may retain the plates after the recipient's death but may not display them on a vehicle. This amendment also adds an emergency preamble, an emergency clause, an allocation section and a fiscal note to the bill.

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" TO COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-123) allows individuals who otherwise qualify for special Purple Heart registration plates but no longer operate or register a motor vehicle to be issued a single special plate for recognition purposes only. The single special plate may not be attached to a motor vehicle.