

# 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 187 An Act to Create a Separate License Plate for Sheriffs**

PUBLIC 428

**SPONSOR(S)**  
WHEELER  
PARADIS

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-99

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed a special registration plate for vehicles used by sheriffs' offices. It specified that the plates were to be brown and bear numbers corresponding to the agency identification number of the county sheriff's office.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-99) replaces the original bill. It allows the Secretary of State to determine the plate design in consultation with the Maine Sheriffs' Association. Each county is required to reimburse the Highway Fund for requested plates. This amendment also adds an allocation section and fiscal note.

**LD 189 An Act to Install Rumble Strips on the Maine Turnpike**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
LIBBY JD

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have required the Maine Turnpike Authority to install and maintain rumble strips along both shoulders of the northbound and southbound lanes on the turnpike.

**LD 190 Resolve, to Install Rumble Strips along Interstate 95**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
LIBBY JD

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This resolve would have allocated funds from the Highway Fund for the installation of rumble strips on both shoulders of the northbound and southbound lanes of Interstate 95.

**LD 208 An Act to Simplify the Procedure for Making Anatomical Gifts under the Motor Vehicle Laws**

PUBLIC 32

**SPONSOR(S)**  
LIBBY JL

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-60

**SUMMARY**

This bill directs the Secretary of State to make available organ donor decals to be affixed to a driver's license to indicate a willingness to make an anatomical gift. Currently, a licensee can make a declaration of an anatomical gift and be issued a donor card and pouch to carry with a driver's license.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-60) requires the Secretary of State to provide organ donor decals at no additional fee. The statement regarding willingness to make a gift is to be printed on the decal. It also allows the Secretary of State to continue to use decals already printed. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.