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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

BILL SUMMARIES
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ON
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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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**LD 220 Resolve, to Reduce the Paperwork Required in the Purchase
of a Vehicle**

RESOLVE 4

SPONSOR(S)
CAMERON

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-61

SUMMARY

This resolve would have required the Bureau of Motor Vehicles to develop one form for all notification requirements of the bureau when a motor vehicle is sold.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-61) replaces the original resolve. It directs the Bureau of Motor Vehicles and the Bureau of Taxation to work together to reduce forms relating to the sale of a vehicle. The Secretary of State is required to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation by January 1, 1996 and to submit legislation necessary to implement the bureau's recommendations.

**LD 221 An Act to Allow Municipal Officials to Approve the Use of
Flashing Lights by Fire Department Members**

PUBLIC 22

SPONSOR(S)
PENDLETON

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-26

SUMMARY

Under current law, in order for a member of a municipal or volunteer fire department to use a flashing red signal light, approval must be obtained from the municipal officers. This bill gives the municipal officers the ability to designate an official who may give permission.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-26) clarifies that the municipal official is designated by the municipal officers.

**LD 231 An Act to Correct Errors and Inconsistencies Related to
the Recodification of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29**

PUBLIC 65
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)
O'GARA
STEVENS A

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-104 CAMERON
H-79

SUMMARY

The Second Regular Session of the 116th Legislature enacted P.L. 93, c. 683, An Act to Revise and Recodify the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29. LD 231 corrects cross references and makes technical changes to the newly enacted Title 29-A. The bill and Committee Amendment "A" (H-79) also correct several conflicts that were created when public laws enacted by the 2nd Regular Session of the 116th amended Title 29 without incorporating the changes into the recodification.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-79) corrects an unintended substantive change made in the recodification of Title 29 regarding registration of municipal fire departments and volunteer fire departments. The amendment allows contract security companies to use either green or amber auxiliary lights prior to July 1, 1996. On July 1, 1996, auxiliary lights on these vehicles must be amber.

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-104) corrects a grammatical error.

This Act has a retroactive effective date of January 1, 1995.