

# 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:

<b>CARRIED OVER</b>	<i>Bill carried over to Second Session</i>
<b>CON RES XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<b>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</b>	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>
<b>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</b>	<i>House &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<b>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</b>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>
<b>EMERGENCY</b>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<b>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</b>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<b>FAILED ENACTMENT</b>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<b>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</b>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<b>INDEF PP</b>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<b>ONTP</b>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<b>P&amp;S XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<b>PUBLIC XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<b>RESOLVE XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<b>UNSIGNED</b>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<b>VETO SUSTAINED</b>	<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 241**      **An Act Concerning Reporting Powers of Fire/Police Units**      **ONTP**

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

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have made it a Class E offense for an operator to refuse to follow the directions of a fire/police unit volunteer. It also provides for the registered owner of a vehicle operated in violation of the emergency rule to be cited for a traffic infraction.

**LD 242**      **An Act to Increase the Bonding Limits of the Maine Turnpike Authority**      **PUBLIC 138**

**SPONSOR(S)**                      **COMMITTEE REPORT**                      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
STEVENS A                                      OTP-AM                                      S-94  
O'GARA

**SUMMARY**

This bill increases the limit on issuance of turnpike revenue bonds from \$86,000,000 to \$136,000,000.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-94) repeals and replaces the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1968. The replacement language contains all provisions of former Title 23, section 1968 and, in addition, provides for an increase of \$30,000,000 in the Maine Turnpike Authority's general bond capacity and an additional \$40,000,000 in bond capacity for the Maine Turnpike Authority's interchange program. It specifies that new interchanges paid for with bonds must be located in the Portland-Westbrook, Lewiston-Auburn-Sabattus or Gray-New Gloucester segments of the turnpike.

**LD 252**      **An Act to Permit Greenhouses To Have Temporary Road Signs**      **ONTP**

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

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have allowed growers of seasonal greenhouse crops to erect signs advertising crops being sold on the premises where those crops are grown. The bill also permits growers of fresh fruit and vegetable and seasonal greenhouse crops to advertise those crops with signs from April 15th to November 1st.

**LD 291**      **An Act to Prohibit the Operation of Trucks Over 50,000 Pounds During Inclement Weather**      **ONTP**

**SPONSOR(S)**                      **COMMITTEE REPORT**                      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
O'DEA                                      ONTP

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have authorized a state police officer to temporarily prohibit the passage of certain vehicles over any controlled access highway during times of limited visibility.