

# 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 347 An Act to Clarify the Requirements for Truck Widths**

PUBLIC 78

**SPONSOR(S)**  
STROUT

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-101

**SUMMARY**

This bill exempts a tarp and tarp hardware used to secure loads on commercial trucks from the width restrictions for trucks.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-101) expands the original language to include safety devices, other appurtenances and load-induced conditions excluded from width limitations in federal regulations.

**LD 355 An Act to Expand Participation in the State's Conservation License Plate Program**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
DONNELLY

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have required the Secretary of State to issue environmental registration plates, commonly known as "loon plates," for a motor home or motorcycle.

**LD 363 An Act to Allow the Issuance of Vanity Plates for Commercial Motor Vehicles and to Provide Special Registration Plates to Amateur Radio Operators**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
WATSON

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have allowed the Secretary of State to issue vanity plates for commercial motor vehicles. The bill also directed the Secretary of State to determine a design for and issue special amateur radio operator plates.

**LD 375 An Act to Create Special License Plates for Certain Civic Groups**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
HATCH  
MILLS

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have allowed special license plates to be issued bearing the name or insignia of certain civic organizations. The annual fee would have been \$25 with all revenue above the cost of the program allocated to the General Fund.