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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 389**      **An Act to Require the Use of Headlights on Vehicles  
Whenever the Windshield Wipers Are in Continuous Use**      ONTP

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

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have required headlights to be on whenever windshield wipers are used. The bill also would have imposed a forfeiture of \$50 for violation of this provision of law.

**LD 406**      **An Act to Authorize the Use of Loon Plates on Vehicles of  
the Handicapped**      ONTP

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
MITCHELL EH RAND	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have required the Secretary of State to issue environmental registration plates, loon plates, for a handicapped person.

**LD 427**      **An Act to Create an Intermediate License for Minors**      DIED BETWEEN  
BODIES

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
FAIRCLOTH	OTP-AM      MAJ ONTP      MIN	

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have changed the restrictions on who may accompany a person operating a motor vehicle on an instruction permit. A person other than the permittee's spouse, parent or legal guardian must have held a driver's license for the preceding 2 years and may not have had a "major" motor vehicle violation during that 2-year period. Major motor vehicle violations include violations with a mandatory license suspension and violations that are used to define an habitual offender.

The bill would have established an intermediate license for 16-year olds and 17-year olds. An intermediate licensee would have been prohibited from driving between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 5:00 a.m. unless accompanied by a parent, a legal guardian or a licensed driver 18 years of age or over with 2 years' driving experience and without a "major" motor vehicle violation during that 2-year period. The bill included provisions for a waiver of the nighttime restriction when an activity or employment necessitates that waiver.