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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:

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

ONTP

SUMMARY

This bill would have changed the name of the Board of Commercial Driver Education to the Board of Driver Education and changed the membership of the board.

It would have relieved the Department of Education of its responsibility to regulate the provision of driver education in school settings and broadened the jurisdiction of the Board of Commercial Driver Education to regulate the provision of driver education not only in private and commercial settings but in public school settings as well.

It would have prohibited a person from applying for an operator's license until age 16 years and 6 months old and required that a person less than 17 years old hold an instructional permit for at least 6 months prior to licensure, rather than the current 3 months. It would have differentiated a first-degree from a 2nd-degree provisional license.

It proposed several clarifications and changes in the regulation of driver education. (See the bill summary for a related bill, LD 1301).

LD 465 An Act to Improve the Local Road Assistance Program

CARRIED OVER

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

ROWE

SUMMARY

This bill adds to the definition of "average miles maintained," which is used to receive state contributions for the Local Road Assistance Program. It adds the requirement that if the road or portion of the road has more than 2 lanes, those additional miles of road are added to "average miles maintained." The additional funding for the wider roads must come from additional appropriations to the Local Road Assistance Program.

LD 466 An Act to Require That Headlights Be on during Inclement Weather

ONTP

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

SPEAR

ONTP

SUMMARY

This bill would have required headlights to be on during inclement weather.