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**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION BEFORE
THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES**

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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.

5581LHS

The bill would have directed the Superintendent of Insurance to study methods to free volunteer drivers from fear of liability. It would have directed the Secretary of State to inform medical professionals of existing immunity provisions and to monitor reports of dementia and present a summary of reports of dementia to the 118th Legislature.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-505), the minority report of the committee, would have required the Secretary of State to develop and distribute forms for reporting visual impairments and to develop and distribute materials to inform medical professionals of the reporting requirement and immunity and confidentiality provisions.

It would have revised the provisions of the bill regarding problem operators and struck the provision for a 2-year license for persons age 75 and older.

It would also have amended the bill to require the Department of Transportation to develop a plan for centrally coordinated information centers and volunteer driver programs rather than requiring implementation of a center and program.

This amendment also would have added a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 509 An Act to Require a Review of Handicapped Plates ONTP
Periodically

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
DONNELLY	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill would have required that a person who has registration plates with the handicap symbol submit annually a certificate of a physician as to that person's physical disability in order to renew the plates. (See bill summary for LD 1045).

LD 518 An Act to Require a Second Doctor's Opinion before the ONTP
Secretary of State May Suspend a Driver's License

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
RICE	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill would have established an individual's right to a 2nd opinion when faced with the allegation that the individual is not competent to drive and the loss of a driver's license.

LD 573 An Act to Establish Retreaded Truck Tire Safety Standards ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BENEDIKT	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill would have required the Commissioner of Public Safety to establish standards for retreaded truck tires that exceed federal standards and to ensure the application of those standards to all road contact tires in all truck inspections.