

# 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:

<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 574**      **An Act to Require the Department of Transportation to Post Signs Indicating That Headlights Must Be On When Windshield Wipers Are in Use**      ONTP

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

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have required headlights to be on whenever windshield wipers are used. The bill also would have directed the Department of Transportation to erect signs informing motor vehicle operators that the headlights on their motor vehicles must be on when the windshield wipers are in use.

**LD 591**      **An Act to Give Motor Vehicle Drivers and Owners the Option of Keeping Motor Vehicle Information Confidential**      ONTP

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

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have restricted the unauthorized sale of information contained on motor vehicle registrations and drivers' licenses.

**LD 614**      **An Act to Improve Safety of School Buses**      ONTP

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

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have required a school bus driver to meet the qualifications for a commercial vehicle driver established in the federal motor carrier safety regulations. It also would have required exhaust systems on school buses to meet the requirements established in the federal motor carrier safety regulations.

**LD 617**      **An Act to Raise the Fee for Legislative Registration Plates**      ONTP

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

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have raised the fee charged for a license plate for a public official.

**LD 640**      **An Act to Broaden the Scope of the Farm Registration Laws to Include Farm Woodland Trucks**      ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**                      **COMMITTEE REPORT**                      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
BEGLEY                                  ONTP                      MAJ  
    OTP-AM                      MIN                      S-170

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have allowed one truck owned by a farm woodland owner and used primarily in the course of activities related to the production or transportation of forest products to be registered as a farm truck.