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**ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH 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 & 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.

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It harmonizes the provisions between the Regional Fuel Tax Agreement and the International Fuel Tax Agreement and standardizes Maine operating authority requirements with other states. It clarifies limitations on use of a wrecker registered to a dealer. It allows a student enrolled in an applied technology program as part of a secondary school curriculum to operate heavy equipment.

It adds a gerontologist and allows the Secretary of State to add other medical professionals to the Medical Advisory Board when needed. The amendment also provides for delayed effective dates for certain sections and adds a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 1047 An Act to Allow Towns to Register Vehicles on Loan
through the Federal Excess Property Program without
Local Title**

PUBLIC 250

SPONSOR(S)
LORD

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
S-180

SUMMARY

This bill provides that a certificate of title or a certificate of salvage is not required for a vehicle owned by the federal government that is loaned to the State or a municipality for forest fire control activities.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-180) allows that exemption to be available at the discretion of the Secretary of State...

**LD 1051 An Act to Allow the Posting of Temporary
Signs at Dangerous Intersections**

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
CARPENTER

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have allowed the posting of temporary safety signs on highways to promote cautious driving and to prevent collisions when there is an event or celebration. It also would have allowed the posting of signs on public utility poles as allowed by the utility.

LD 1075 An Act to Ensure Confidentiality of Motor Vehicle Records

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
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COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

Currently motor vehicle and drivers' license records are open to public inspection. This bill would have made these records confidential, allowing access only to law enforcement officers and to representatives of insurance companies when needed to conduct their business. The bill also would have made records of the Maine Turnpike Authority confidential allowing access only to law enforcement officers and to representatives of insurance companies when needed to conduct their business. (See bill summary LD 860).