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**STATE OF MAINE
117TH LEGISLATURE**

1ST SPECIAL SESSION

(NOVEMBER 28TH TO DECEMBER 1, 1995)

**BILL SUMMARIES
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES**

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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
June 1996

We are pleased to provide this summary of bills that were considered by the 15 Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature staffed by this office. The document is a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill, committee amendments and other relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken on the bill. Also included are statistical summaries of bill activity this Session for the Legislature and each of its joint standing committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills handled by the joint standing committees. It is organized alphabetically by committees and within committees by bill (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed by paper number. Two indices, a subject index and a numerical index by LD number are provided for easy reference to bills. They are located at the back of the document. A separate publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, may also be helpful in providing information on the disposition of bills.

Final action on each bill is noted to the right of the bill title. The abbreviations used for various categories of final action are as follows:

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

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Special Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is March 1, 1996.

**117th Legislature
First Special Session
November 28 to December 1, 1995**

LD 1301

An Act to Transfer Oversight of Commercial Driver Education Programs to the Secretary of State

PUBLIC 505
EMERGENCY

Sponsor(s)
PENDEXTER
BAILEY

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted
S-331
S-414

LD 1301 proposed to repeal the Board of Commercial Driver Education and transfer its oversight and rulemaking authority to the Secretary of State. LD 1301 was introduced, referred to the Transportation Committee, unanimously reported OTP-AM, enacted in both chambers in the First Regular Session, but not signed by the Governor. The bill was recalled from the Governor's desk during the First Special Session, further amended and signed by the Governor as an emergency measure effective January 1, 1996, except that the transfer of driver education programs to the Secretary of State took effect May 1, 1996.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-331) was added to the bill in the First Regular Session. The amendment proposed to clarify the distinction between commercial driver education school and noncommercial driver education school. It clarified that a licensed driver education teacher or instructor is authorized to teach driver education as an employee or affiliate of a licensed driver education school. It reduced the examination fee proposed in the bill for a Class C operator's license examination from \$15 to \$12. Currently, a Class C license exam is \$10. This amendment also added transition provisions, allocation sections and a fiscal note to the bill.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-414) was added when the bill was recalled from the Governor's desk in the First Special Session. The amendment proposed to restore the examination fee for a Class C operator's license to the current price of \$10, continue the current exemption for driver education teachers and noncommercial driver education license fees for commercial driver education schools and instructors at \$250 and \$125, respectively, until January 1, 1997, reduce license fees for driver education schools and instructors on January 1, 1997 and provide a delayed effective date of May 1, 1996 for transferring oversight responsibility to the Secretary of State.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1995, chapter 505 repeals the Board of Commercial Driver Education and transfers its oversight and rulemaking authority to the Secretary of State.