

# 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.

5581LHS

**LD 1335 An Act to Amend Laws Pertaining to On-premises Signs  
by Allowing for Changeable Signs**

PUBLIC 390

**SPONSOR(S)**  
MADORE

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-456

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to clarify the types of animated or moving signs that are prohibited in law and exempts from the prohibition those signs on which the display or message, although electronically illuminated or mechanically driven, does not appear to move.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-456) replaces the original bill. The amendment allows for changeable message board signs where the message can change once every 4-hour period.

**LD 1339 An Act to Create Fair School Bus Driver Licensing**

PUBLIC 310

**SPONSOR(S)**  
LEMONT

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-388

**SUMMARY**

This bill as amended by COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-388) allows the Secretary of State to waive the skill and road tests for an applicant for a school bus operator endorsement if the applicant has a valid authorization from another state to operate a school bus. The amendment clarifies that the applicant must satisfy all other requirements for issuance of a school bus operator endorsement.

**LD 1363 An Act to Amend the Maine Turnpike Authority's Budget for  
Calendar Year 1995**

P & S 22  
EMERGENCY

**SPONSOR(S)**  
STEVENS A

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill amends the Maine Turnpike Authority's budget for calendar year 1995.

The authority's turnpike revenue bonds, Series 1994, were issued July 7, 1994 in the amount of \$73,130,000 to pay the State for the reacquisition of portions of Interstate 95 from the Department of Transportation to fund bridge rehabilitation and other construction and safety projects and to fund the authority's electronic toll conversion project. The new bonds require an increase in the debt service allocation for 1995 to a total of \$6,844,111.

**LD 1381 An Act to Allow for the Issuance of Motor Vehicle Titles at  
Branch Offices of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
LOOK

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have allowed an application for a certificate of title to be submitted to the branch offices of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. Unless the Secretary of State believed that a problem existed with the application or the applicant, the certificate could be issued immediately by the office receiving the application.