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STATE OF MAINE 117TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

BILL SUMMARIES JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

AUGUST 1995

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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, <u>History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents</u>, 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:

CARRIED OVER Bill carried over to Second Session Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses CON RES XXX 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 Ought Not to Pass report accepted ONTP P&S XXX Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law **PUBLIC XXX** Chapter # of enacted Public Law RESOLVE XXX Chapter # of enacted Resolve Not signed by Governor within 10 days **UNSIGNED VETO SUSTAINED** Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

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 1446

An Act Promoting Bicycle Safety for Children and Adolescents

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

PENDEXTER

ONTP

SUMMARY

This bill would have repealed current laws regarding bicycle use and incorporated those laws with new provisions requiring the use of protective bicycle helmets and restraining seats. This bill would have increased the current fine for a violation of the bicycle laws from \$10 to \$30 and raised the age at which the fine would apply from 17 years of age or older to 18 years of age or older.

LD 1484

Resolve, to Reopen Maine State Rest Areas to Only

ONTP

Commercial Tractor Trailer Use

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

YACKOBITZ

ONTP

SUMMARY

This resolve would have required the Department of Transportation and the Maine Turnpike Authority to reopen closed rest areas for use by commercial trucks.

LD 1492 An Act to Authorize Inspection of Truck Weight Records by Maine State Police

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

MILLS

ONTP

SUMMARY

This bill, modelled after similar provisions in Minnesota, would have required any person who purchased or received commodities weighed before or after loading to keep a written record for at least 30 days containing information about the shipment, including the weight of the shipment, identification of the shipper and the number of axles and registration of the shipping vehicle. Under this bill, the records would have been open to inspection and copying by the State Police and could have been used as relevant evidence of maximum vehicle weight limits established under the motor vehicle laws.

LD 1538

An Act to Strengthen the Motor Vehicle Laws Pertaining to Registration of Motor Vehicles

PUBLIC 454

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

LEMONT

OTP-AM

H-541

SUMMARY

This bill as amended by COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-541) clarifies that a vehicle garaged or maintained in this State must be registered in this State except where reciprocity allows registration in another state. It also specifies that a person who fails to register a vehicle within 30 days of establishing residency is guilty of evasion of registration fees and excise tax and is <u>subject</u> to a fine. It also adds a fiscal note.