

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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BILL SUMMARIES  
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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:

<b>CARRIED OVER</b>	<i>Bill carried over to Second Session</i>
<b>CON RES XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<b>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</b>	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>
<b>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</b>	<i>House &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<b>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</b>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>
<b>EMERGENCY</b>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<b>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</b>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<b>FAILED ENACTMENT</b>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<b>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</b>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<b>INDEF PP</b>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<b>ONTP</b>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<b>P&amp;S XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<b>PUBLIC XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<b>RESOLVE XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<b>UNSIGNED</b>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<b>VETO SUSTAINED</b>	<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 1550**     **An Act Concerning Environmental Registration Plates**

PUBLIC 256  
EMERGENCY

**SPONSOR(S)**  
STEVENS

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
S-200

**SUMMARY**

This bill changes the transfer of funds from the Maine Environmental Trust Fund to the Highway Fund from \$10 per set for an initial set of plates issued to \$6 per set. It reduces the annual contribution for renewals from \$20 to \$15 and provides for \$1 from each renewal to be transferred to the Highway Fund. After payment to the Highway Fund for production and issuance of plates, the remaining funds, \$14 per set of plates, would be distributed 60% to the Maine State Parks Fund and 40% to the Maine Endangered and Nongame Wildlife Fund.

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-200) makes corrections to the allocation section and the fiscal note in the bill.

**LD 1554**     **An Act to Improve Safety in the Motor Carrier Industry**

INDEF PP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
PENDEXTER

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill was incorrectly introduced in the Senate. It was subsequently introduced in the House as LD 1562. (See bill summary LD 1562).

**LD 1557**     **An Act to Improve Bicycle Safety in This State**

PUBLIC 371

**SPONSOR(S)**  
BUSTIN

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP                    MAJ  
OTP-AM                MIN

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
S-256

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to clarify that it is legal for bicycles to travel in the normal stream of vehicular traffic when travelling in the same direction and at a similar speed. This bill also proposed to clarify that it is legal for bicyclists to travel on the shoulder and breakdown lane of roads and highways except where municipalities have made other provisions for the location of bicycle traffic.

This bill allows the use of a bicycle rider's right arm, extended to the right horizontally, to indicate a right turn.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-256) is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation. The amendment strikes provisions in the original bill that amended language regarding riding to the right. The amendment clarifies that the definition of "bicycle" includes motorized tricycles.