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***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:

<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 finally passed 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>

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is July 4, 1996.

businesses that use this provision to keep a photocopy of the certificate of registration in each vehicle.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-687) replaced the original bill. It proposed allowing a person registering a trailer or semitrailer to be issued a duplicate registration for an additional \$2 fee. It also proposed adding a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1995, chapter 513 allows a person registering a trailer or semitrailer to be issued a duplicate registration for an additional \$2 fee.

LD 1619

An Act to Repeal the Sunset Provision for Distribution from the Maine Environmental Trust Fund

PUBLIC 508
EMERGENCY

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

LD 1619 was reported out pursuant to Public Law 1993, chapter 410, Part BBB, section 6.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1995, chapter 508 repeals the sunset provision for distribution from the Maine Environmental Trust Fund, providing for continuing distribution from the fund at 60% to the Maine State Parks Fund and 40% to the Maine Endangered and Nongame Wildlife Fund..

Chapter 508 was enacted as an emergency measure effective January 29, 1996.

LD 1639

An Act to Amend Certain Motor Vehicle Laws Including Those Affecting the University of Maine System Plate and the Certificate of Lien

PUBLIC 645
EMERGENCY

Sponsor(s)

STROUT
STEVENS A

Committee Report

OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted

H-847
H-852
H-854
H-895

LD 1639 proposed several technical and substantive changes to the motor vehicle laws.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-847) proposed technical changes to the original bill and proposed removing provisions relating to primary insurance requirements for consumer rental vehicles. It proposed adding Parts B, C, D and E to the bill . Part B proposed several additional technical and substantive changes to the motor vehicle laws. Part C proposed provisions for a new general issue license plate in July of 1999. Parts D and E proposed allocation sections for the bill.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-852) proposed allowing the Secretary of State to hold as confidential the driver's license and vehicle registration records at the request of a person providing a copy of a protection order issued to protect the requestor from abuse or harassment.

House Amendment "B" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-854) proposed the issuance of official state nondriver identification cards to persons 15, 16 and 17 years of age beginning July 1, 1996.