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BILL SUMMARY



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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE BILL SUMMARIES MAY 1986

This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

All Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor if it is a floor amendment or the designation "CA" if it is a committee amendment. If the amendment was adopted in the House, the letter H appears after the sponsor. If it was adopted in the Senate, the letter S appears.

Final action for each bill is listed to the right of the title. If final House action and Senate action differ, both are listed.

Key to Committee Reports and Floor Action:

Ought to Pass OTP Ought to Pass in New Draft OTP-ND Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title OTP-ND-NT Ought to Pass as Amended OTP-AM Ought Not to Pass ONTP Leave to Withdraw LVWD Indefinitely Postponed INDEF PP

LD AN ACT RELATING TO THE AGE OF EMPLOYEES WHO MAY PL 1985
2100 RECEIVE PAYMENT OR BE IN THE DIRECT HANDLING OF C. 620
LIQUOR ON THE LICENSED PREMISES

Sponsor: PARADIS, P., Walker, Dillenback, Jacques Committee Report: OTP

<u>SUMMARY:</u> Current law has no lower age limit for employees selling liquor, as long as an employee who is 18 years of age or older is present in a supervisory capacity.

This bill prohibits anyone who is under 17 from receiving payment for liquor or directly handling liquor on licensed premises. Employees of Class A restaurants, Class A taverns, clubs and hotels are excepted.

LD AN ACT CONCERNING PRIVATE ADOPTIONS 2112

ND LD 2262

Sponsor: RYDELL, Bustin, Hoglund, Rolde

Committee Report: OTP-ND

SUMMARY: See new draft, LD 2262.

LD AN ACT REGARDING FAMILY HOUSING 2113

PL 1985 c. 638

Sponsor: CONNOLLY, Trafton Committee Report: OTP-AM

H-589 CA H S

SUMMARY: This bill provides protection for tenants in 5 specific areas. 1) Families which receive public assistance funds cannot be discriminated against for that reason.

2) The protection from discrimination because the family includes children is extended to public accommodations for lodging. 3) Notice of eviction requirements are clarified for when the building is sold. 4) An oral complaint of substandard conditions is sufficient to establish a presumption of retaliatory eviction. 5) Tenants cannot be charged for electricity used by other residential tenants.

The Committee Amendment clarified that receipt of public assistance funds cannot be the primary reason for refusing to rent to a tenant. It also clarifies that a tenant at will must receive the proper notice of termination under current law when a building is sold. The section allowing an oral rather than written complaint is removed.