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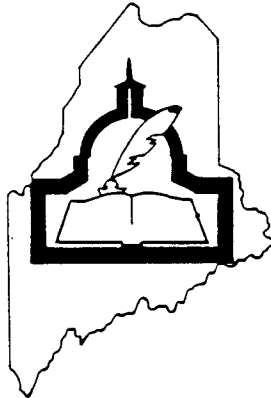
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

All Adopted 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 "COMMITTEE" if it is a committee amendment.

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

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Key to Committee Reports and Floor Action:

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

Sponsor: MANNING, Gurney, Foss, Brannigan
Committee Report: OTP-AM
Amendments Adopted:
H-96 COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: This bill desires to make the Uniform Trade Secrets Act the law in Maine. The Uniform Trade Secrets Act is not a law but a model law. It is one of a number of model acts approved by the Commission on Uniform State Laws. The purpose of these model laws is to provide a framework for states that wish to adopt such legislation. Currently 18 states have uniform trade secrets acts which are modeled after the uniform trade secrets act. States may and do amend this act to suit their needs.

With a few exceptions, states that have not adopted this act rely on case law for situations pertaining to trade secrets. Maine currently does this.

States which have a great deal of case law are generally the ones that don't have a trade secrets act or have amended the act heavily for their own use. Maine does not have a great deal of case law on this subject.

Basically, this bill states that misappropriation of trade secrets may be enjoined and provides for damages based on the misappropriation of such secrets. This act deals solely with civil law and is concerned with a tort action.

LD 970 is very similar to this LD. LD 970 was entered by request of the Maine Uniform State Laws Commission.

Committee Amendment A: The purpose of this amendment is to clarify that this Act does not affect the duty of any person to disclose information where expressly required by law or the provisions of the Maine Tort Claims Act.

LD AN ACT RELATING TO THE SOCIAL WORKER LICENSE
504 RENEWAL FEES

ND LD 1350
EMERGENCY

Sponsor: Pursuant to 3 MRSA §501
Committee Report: OTP-ND-NT LD 1350

SUMMARY: See New Draft, LD 1350.