

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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BILL SUMMARY



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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

Committee Amendment "A" (H-314) replaces the bill, and makes operating a motor vehicle on a public way while drinking liquor a civil violation.

LD AN ACT AMENDING THE LAWS RELATING TO PRIVATE ND LD 1555  
817 SECURITY GUARDS

Sponsor: KANY, Joseph, Erwin, E., Tracy  
Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 1555

SUMMARY: See New Draft, LD 1555.

LD AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXAMINATION OF LAW LVWD  
826 ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS

Sponsor: BOUTILIER, Hussey, Joseph  
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill would require the board of trustees of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy to develop and administer examinations based on Maine law to any person trained at the academy.

LD AN ACT TO CHANGE THE DATE FOR STATEWIDE ONTP  
829 PRIMARY ELECTIONS

Sponsor: ARMSTRONG, Whitcomb  
Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: This bill would change the statewide primary from the 2nd Tuesday of June to the 2nd Tuesday of September. This would move the filing dates from April 1st to June 1st.

LD AN ACT TO LIMIT THE PENALTY A LANDLORD CAN PL 1987  
849 CHARGE A TENANT FOR LATE PAYMENT OF RENT c. 215

Sponsor: MELENDY, Ketover, Bickford, Andrews  
Committee Report: OTP-A  
Amendments Adopted:  
H-149 COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: Current law does not address penalties for late payment of rent. This bill allows a landlord to charge a tenant up to the greater of 18% of the amount due for one month or \$10 if the tenant does not pay the rent within 15 days of when the payment is due. (The sponsor intended the percentage to be 18% annually or 1 1/2% of a month's rent.)

Committee Amendment "A" (H-149) changes the permissible penalty to not more than 4% of one month's rent. It also prohibits a landlord from charging any penalty for late