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#### STATE OF MAINE

### ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

#### JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON

BUSINESS LEGISLATION

BILL SUMMARY



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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE BILL SUMMARIES JUNE 1987

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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: BRAWN, MacBride Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: This bill provides protection for the trademarks of charitable organizations by prohibiting their use by other similar organizations in much the same fashion that these marks are protected for businesses.

Charities that are being subjected to this problem have 2 current recourses.

- A. The offended charity has recourse under common law as an unfair trade practice.
- B. Registered tradenames and marks are protected under the chapter on Registration and Protection of Trademarks under 10 MRSA Chapter 301-A. A violation of this chapter may be enjoined and the defendant required to pay all profits to the offended organization plus damages.

LD AN ACT TO IDENTIFY THE POTENTIAL HAZARDS OF LVWD 1160 PAINT REMOVAL BY MEANS OF HEAT

Sponsor: RANDALL, Simpson, Pines, Manning Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill requires a warning on packages containing devices to remove paint thru the application of heat that the use of the equipment can cause harmful and toxic fumes. The warning would further advise that the equipment not be used in the presence of children.

LD AN ACT TO REQUIRE ON ALL PURCHASE AND SALE LVWD

1167 AGREEMENTS A DECLARATION OF PRESENCE OR
ASBESTOS MATERIALS

Sponsor: BOST, Nutting, Diamond, Hussey Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill requires that deeds executed after Jan. 1, 1988 contain a notice as to the presence of asbestos if the grantor of the deed is aware of such presence.