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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES  
MAY 1988**

*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 for floor amendments. Final action is listed to the right of the title. If final House and Senate action differ, both are listed. Committee Reports and Floor Action are indicated as follows::*

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

*Each individual summary was prepared by the analyst assigned, as noted for each committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including Secretaries: Charlene Brann, Janet Jean, Earl Knox, Valarie Parlin; Research Assistant Hartley Palleschi. Finally, Secretary Lorette Knox, Legal Assistant Carolyn Chick, and Research Assistant Robert Dunn had special responsibilities in the preparation of the overall document.*

*Please give us your suggestions and comments on these summaries and tell us of any inaccuracies.*

Committee Amendment "A" (S-377) requires the Governor to pay \$125,000 in settlement of all their claims to the Demuths.

LD An Act Pertaining to Fire Permit Enforcement  
2254

PUBLIC  
618

SPONSOR(S)

BRAWN  
MELENDY  
PERKINS

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-471 PRIEST  
S-319 KANY

SUMMARY

New Draft Of LD 2026

Under current law, forest fire wardens can issue outdoor burning permits for any place in the State, although their usual practice is to issue the permits only for the area they cover. The original bill (LD 2026) required persons to produce the permit on demand of an authorized law enforcement officer, or face a civil forfeiture of up to \$1,000.

The New Draft (LD 2254) requires a person who is required to obtain a permit anywhere but in the unorganized area to produce the permit upon demand, or face a civil forfeiture of up to \$100.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-319) would have required that whoever issues a burning permit in a municipality to notify the town forest fire warden or fire chief.

House Amendment "A" (H-471) to Senate Amendment "A" modifies the requirement and requires that whoever issues a burning permit in a municipality notify the municipal officers or the fire chief.

LD An Act to Correct Liquor License Fees  
2257

PUBLIC  
632  
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)

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COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

The license fee for full-time Class VI liquor licenses (licenses for the sale of beer to be consumed off the premises where sold) was intended to be raised from \$125 annually to \$135 annually in a restructuring of license fees made in the substantive changes to the recodification of the liquor laws. The change was inadvertently omitted from that legislation. This bill adds a \$10 surcharge on all Class VI licenses issued after September 28, 1987. (The license fee is corrected in LD 2184).