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**One Hundred and Fourteenth Legislature
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**Joint Standing Committee
Bill Summaries**

June 1990

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 for 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. Committee Reports and Floor Action are abbreviated as follows:

OTP
OTP-ND
OTP-ND-NT
OTP-A
ONTP
LVWD
INDEF PP

Ought to Pass
Ought to Pass in New Draft
Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
Ought to Pass as Amended
Ought Not to Pass
Leave to Withdraw
Indefinitely Postponed

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Joint Standing Committee on Business Legislation

LD 1311 **An Act to Amend the Third-party Prescription Program Act and
Provide for Responsible Health Care Decisions** **ONTP**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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SUMMARY

This bill allows any pharmacy to participate in a 3rd-party prescription program as long as the pharmacy has registered with the Superintendent of Insurance.

LD 1710 **An Act Amending the Licensure Requirements for Plumbers** **DIED BETWEEN
BODIES**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BALDACCI WHITMORE GURNEY STEVENS A	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	

SUMMARY

This bill defines the word apprentice, increases by 1 year the experience requirement to sit for a journeyman examination, and describes the employment and supervision requirements of journeymen plumbers.

Committee Amendment "A" accomplishes the following:

1. Eliminates specific licensing fees and gives the Plumbers' Examining Board authority to set fees;
2. Requires that the board make a recommendation to the Legislature concerning continuing education;
3. Changes the 2 current ways of obtaining a journeyman license from 4,000 hours as a trainee to 8,000 hours plus a 45-hour course on the state plumbing code and from 2,000 hours as a trainee and one academic year to 4,000 hours and one academic year. It also adds a 3rd method of licensure requiring a trainee to complete an apprenticeship under a state-registered program plus 576 hours of classroom instruction;
4. Eliminates 8,000 hours as a trainee as a route to obtaining a master's license, leaving 2,000 hours as a journeyman as the only route to the master's license;
5. Requires that all supervised training be under the direct supervision of the designated supervisor;
6. Indicates that the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation will employ a person to supervise the apprentice program. That person will be paid from funds generated from an increase in licensing fees.

House Amendment "A" changes Committee Amendment "A" to require general supervision rather than direct supervision by a master plumber as one of the qualifications for a master plumber license. The amendment also provides that a graduate of a Maine technical college, having successfully completed a course of study in plumbing, is qualified as a master plumber.