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**BILL SUMMARIES
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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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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 volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries.

All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H - 584 or S - 222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

PUBLIC XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
P&S XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
RESOLVE XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
CON RES XXX	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
EMERGENCY	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
CARRIED OVER	<i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	<i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
ONTP	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
LVWD	<i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>
INDEF PP	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
VETO SUSTAINED	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
UNSIGNED	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	<i>Action incomplete when 1st session ended</i>

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including secretaries: Charlene Raymond and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

same as political action committees that are organized in this State, for purposes of campaign finance reporting, except that committees organized outside the State would not have been required to report contributions from outside of the State. This bill was a unanimous recommendation of the Commission to Study Public Financing of State Elections. See also LD 915.

LD 73 **An Act to Enhance the Capabilities of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices (Reported by the Commission to Study Public Financing of State Elections Pursuant to Resolve 1989, chapter 59)** **ONTP**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
	ONTP	

SUMMARY

The bill would have provided funds for the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to tabulate and analyze campaign finance reports submitted to that office for purposes of public policy decision making. This bill was a unanimous recommendation of the Commission to Study Public Financing of State Elections.

LD 87 **An Act Designed to Make the Use and Storage of Firearms Safer (By Request)** **PUBLIC 127**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
NORTON	OTP-AM A	H-123 REP B
	OTP-AM B	
	ONTP C	

SUMMARY

The bill required that every firearm sold in the State be accompanied by a trigger locking device at the time of the sale.

Committee Amendment "B" (H-123), a minority committee report that was accepted by the Legislature, replaces the bill and requires that each firearm sold in the State be accompanied by a firearm safety brochure that includes information on the safe storage of firearms, and that the dealer offer to demonstrate the use of a trigger locking device to the purchaser. The amendment makes this requirement applicable only to retail sales of firearms, not to casual, isolated sales. The amendment provides that an organization producing a safety brochure and dealers who sell firearms are not liable for injuries resulting from the accidental discharge of firearms. The amendment also requires dealers to post information on safety courses available locally and adds a fiscal note.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-122), the majority committee report, would have retained the bill's requirement to include a trigger locking device with each firearm sale, and would have made the requirement applicable only to retail sales by dealers.