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**STATE OF MAINE
115TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
HUMAN RESOURCES**

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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES
AUGUST 1991**

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.

LD 603

An Act to Amend the Laws Concerning Smoking in Restaurants

ONTP-MAJ REP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MANNING	ONTP	MAJ
HEESCHEN	OTP-AM	MIN
RICHARDSON		
TREAT		

SUMMARY

This bill forbids persons to smoke in restaurants and requires restaurant operators to post no smoking signs. The penalty currently in law of a forfeiture of \$100 to \$500 is retained.

Committee Amendment "A" changes the wording of the smoking prohibition to allow both smokers and restaurant operators to be liable for a violation of the prohibition. It changes the punishment for a violation to a warning for the 1st offense and a \$50 forfeiture for subsequent offenses.

LD 608

An Act to Facilitate Policies and Procedures of the Driver Education Evaluation Program

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
GRAHAM	LV/WD	
MAHANY		
CONSTANTINE		
BOST		

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Department of Human Services, Division of Driver Education Evaluation, to submit to the Secretary of State within 80 days after the suspension of an individual's operator's license certification of any individual who has or has not satisfactorily completed the alcohol and other drug education, evaluation and treatment program.

LD 609

An Act Concerning Deafness

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MARTIN J	LV/WD	
ANTHONY		
BRANNIGAN		

SUMMARY

This bill provides funds to the Department of Human Services to support the activities of the Maine Center on Deafness.