

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE  
115TH LEGISLATURE**

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AND  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
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ON  
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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
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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:

<b>PUBLIC XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<b>P&amp;S XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<b>RESOLVE XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<b>CON RES XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<b>EMERGENCY</b>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<b>CARRIED OVER</b>	<i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>
<b>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</b>	<i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<b>ONTP</b>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<b>LVWD</b>	<i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>
<b>INDEF PP</b>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<b>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</b>	<i>House &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<b>VETO SUSTAINED</b>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
<b>UNSIGNED</b>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<b>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</b>	<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 661 An Act to Limit Domestic Waterfowl in Farm Ponds**

**LV/WD**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
MCKEEN  
NUTTING

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
LV/WD

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have limited the number of domestic waterfowl allowed on farm ponds in an effort to preserve water quality and drinking water supplies.

**LD 784 An Act to Allow the State Harness Racing Commission to Allocate Dates for a Period of 3 Years**

**ONTP**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
TARDY

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to allow the State Harness Racing Commission to allocate harness racing dates to a licensee for a period of up to 3 years.

House Amendment D (H-672) to Committee A (H-541) to LD 944, "An Act to Permit Off-track Betting", gives the State Harness Racing Commission the authority to assign a minimum number of race days for a period of up to 3 years. The specific dates for the races are allocated each year as provided under current law. Any licensee that meets the definition of "commercial licensee" may be assigned days in advance under this subsection.

See LD 944 under bill summaries for the Joint Standing Committee on Legal Affairs.

**LD 833 An Act to Repeal the Sunset Provision of Simulcasting Laws**

**ONTP**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
TARDY  
HUSSEY  
TWITCHELL  
VOSE

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to repeal the sunset provision of the laws concerning simulcasting during the first 6 weeks of the year.

House Amendment A (H-672) to Committee Amendment A (H-541) to LD 944, "An Act to Permit Off-track Betting", repeals the sunset provision and extends simulcasting to the first 8 weeks of the year.

See LD 944 under bill summaries for the Joint Standing Committee on Legal Affairs. Also see LD 1958, "An Act Regarding Simulcasting of Harness Racing" under bill summaries for the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture.