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**BILL SUMMARIES
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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 737 An Act to Remove the Sunset Provision of the Journeyman-in-training Electrician's Licensure Laws

**ONTP
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
COLLINS NORTON MELENDY	ONTP	

SUMMARY

The law creating the journeyman-in-training level for electricians, including a sunset provision, was a result of a recommendation by the Audit & Program Review Committee in 1986. At that time, it dealt only with Vo-Tech graduates. The provision for the Department of Corrections was made in 1989. At the time the law was passed, a person wishing an electrician or to be an electrician had a choice of a journeyman requiring 4,000 hours of experience and being employed by a master electrician or a helper/apprentice with no experience requirement and working under the direct supervision of a journeyman or master. An electrician JIT isn't required to work under the direct supervision of a supervisor. The purpose of this law appears to have been to create a level between helper and the journeyman in order to make electricians more available and provide a higher salary for electricians on their way up.

This bill ensures continuance without interruption of the journeyman-in-training level of licensure.

LD 853 An Act to Amend the Maine Lemon Law

PUBLIC 64

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BRANNIGAN RYDELL GURNEY MATTHEWS	OTP	

SUMMARY

A consumer who has purchased a new automobile that by law is considered a "lemon" is entitled to receive either a replacement vehicle or a refund. This bill entitles the consumer to receive not only the return of the purchase price or, if a leased vehicle, the lease payments made to date, but also any finance charges paid by the consumer.

LD 860 An Act to Amend the Warranty and Disclosure Requirements Applicable to Certain Sellers of Repossessed Vehicles

PUBLIC 62

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MAYO STEVENS A CONLEY ERWIN	OTP	

SUMMARY

The 1989 amendments to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, chapter 217, make it clear that a financial institution that repossesses a motor vehicle in accordance with a note and security agreement and sells it to a consumer is subject to the requirements of the warranty and disclosure laws in that chapter. When a vehicle is repossessed, however, the financial institution often is unable to obtain information necessary to comply with the laws. The 1989 amendments recognize problems faced by the seller of a repossessed vehicle when the seller obtains that vehicle from the financial institution that repossessed it. The amendments do not, however, provide the same benefits to the financial institution that, instead