

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE  
115TH LEGISLATURE**

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AND  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
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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:

<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>

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of selling the vehicle to a dealer in a wholesale transaction, chooses to sell the vehicle itself. This bill treats such a financial institution on an equal basis with a dealer who obtains a repossessed vehicle from a financial institution and subsequently sells it to a consumer.

**LD 899      An Act to Cover Replacement Vehicle Costs      ONTP**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
GEAN NADEAU NUTTING CONLEY	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

Current law provides for the recovery of the cost of replacement motor vehicles for a period of up to 45 days. This bill removes the 45-day limitation and provides that the motor vehicle owner is entitled to recover reasonable rental costs actually expended for a replacement vehicle during the time that the damaged vehicle can not be operated.

**LD 903      An Act to Change the Membership Requirements of the Board of Registration in Medicine      LV/WD**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
PARADIS J RAND PENDLETON GWADOSKY	LV/WD	

**SUMMARY**

This bill adds a 2nd and 3rd public member to the Board of Registration in Medicine to give the public more representation on the board.

**LD 959      An Act to Exempt Certain Persons from the Counselors Licensure Laws      PUBLIC 263**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BALDACCI CLARK N	OTP-AM	S-140

**SUMMARY**

Beginning on October 1, 1992, persons who wish to practice as professional counselors, marriage and family therapists or pastoral counselors must be licensed. Current law provides that persons who were in practice prior to January 1, 1990 may meet the educational component of the licensing requirements with a degree that is not in a directly related discipline.

This bill expands that provision to exempt from all the requirements for licensure those individuals who hold a master's degree or its equivalent in an allied field and were actively engaged as counselors for at least 2 of the preceding 5 years prior to January 1, 1992. The bill also requires the Board of Counseling Professionals Licensure to establish continuing education and supervision requirements.