

# 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  
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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>

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 1151 An Act to Require Door-to-door Sellers of Frozen Foods to Disclose Actual Unit Prices**

**PUBLIC 239**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
BRANNIGAN  
GURNEY  
CONSTANTINE

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
S-118

**SUMMARY**

The bill ensures that consumers who purchase frozen food from door-to-door sellers are informed of the actual price per unit of weight, such as price per pound, per ounce, et cetera, of the frozen food commodity. This bill also amends transient sellers laws so that door-to-door sellers of frozen foods are no longer exempt.

Committee Amendment "A" adds home solicitation sales on credit which were inadvertently omitted from the bill. It also requires that a copy of the price-per-unit information be given to the prospective purchaser.

**LD 1159 An Act Concerning Nursing Assistants' Assistants**

**PUBLIC 421**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
PENDLETON  
BOUTILIER  
CARROLL D  
GILL

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-446

**SUMMARY**

This bill clarifies that nursing assistants who completed a course with a curriculum considered by the State Board of Nursing to be substantially equivalent to the curriculum prescribed by the board may receive Maine certificates. It also establishes a temporary certificate for those people certified by other states who may not have had an equivalent course. It allows them a temporary certificate but requires them to meet a 150-hour training requirement and to take a competency test.

Committee Amendment "A" establishes the Maine Registry of Certified Nursing Assistants in accordance with the requirements of the federal Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1987. By adoption of rules, the Board of Nursing is to determine eligibility for listing on the registry and to provide for the temporary listing of nursing assistants who have received training in another jurisdiction. This registry is to include an indication as to whether the person registered has been convicted of certain types of crimes or has been found by the Department of Human Services to be guilty of certain infractions.

The amendment adds to the definition of "certified nursing assistant" a requirement that the person be listed in the registry.

The amendment also clarifies that the Department of Education must approve all nursing assistant programs from educational institutions that meet the qualifications and may approve only those programs from health care facilities that are not provided by an educational institution. The amendment gives the State Board of Nursing a consultive role regarding courses proposed by the Department of Education.