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**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:

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 1485 An Act to Amend the Electricians' Licensing Laws

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MILLS	ONTP	
MARTIN J		
PRAY		
PINEAU		

SUMMARY

Currently, a person can become a journeyman electrician in 1 of the following ways:

1. Be a vo-tech college graduate and have 4,000 supervised hours of experience;
2. Be a vo-tech high school graduate and have 8,000 hours of supervised experience; or
3. Have 576 hours of study and 8,000 hours of experience.

This bill raises to 8,000 the hours of experience required of a vo-tech college graduate, abolishes educational credit for secondary level vocational schooling and abolishes the journeyman-in-training concept from the electricians' licensing laws by repealing the definition of journeyman-in-training electrician. The bill also clearly repeals the provision for this level of license that, by its own terms, terminates March 1, 1991 unless continued by the Legislature.

LD 1497 An Act to Increase Distributor Acceptance of Beverage Containers and to Clarify the Sorting Obligations of Contracted Agents

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
RUHLIN	ONTP	
TARDY		
GARLAND		
CONSTANTINE		

SUMMARY

This bill provides that if a contracted agent performs the pick-up obligation of a beverage distributor under the returnable container law, the contracted agent is responsible for sorting the beverage containers by brand. The bill also provides that a distributor has the obligation to pick up beverage containers of any kind and size in which a particular brand of beverage is sold even if the distributor does not sell all sizes and kinds of beverage containers of that brand.

LD 1509 An Act to Include Land Surveyors in the Lien Laws

PUBLIC 280

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
RICHARDS	OTP	
MACBRIDE		
TARDY		
COTE		

SUMMARY

The existing lien laws do not specifically grant land surveyors the same rights as are granted to architects and engineers, leaving surveyors vulnerable to nonpayment for services. This bill provides surveyors with the same statutory protection afforded other service professionals.