

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE  
115TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
AND  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
BUSINESS LEGISLATION**

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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
AND  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION  
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:

<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 1561 An Act to Guarantee Repairs under Service Contracts**

**ONTP**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
CLEVELAND  
GURNEY

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

Service contracts are extended repair agreements that are sold separately from a consumer product and provide the purchaser with protection against breakdowns that are not covered by the product's regular express warranty. Service contracts are often administered or guaranteed by companies separate from the sellers of the consumer goods. This bill provides that the seller of the consumer product must make any repairs or service calls covered by the service contract if the company administering the service contract goes out of business.

**LD 1573 An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Sunday Sales**

**DIED BETWEEN BODIES**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
GURNEY  
DIPIETRO  
GRAHAM

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP MAJ  
OTP MIN

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill limits the hours of operation of retail stores of more than 5,000 square feet of selling space, which were recently exempted from the Sunday sales laws, to noon to 5:00 p.m. on Sundays.

House Amendment "A" adds a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 1576 An Act Concerning the Practice of Landscape Architecture**

**ONTP**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
COLES  
CONSTANTINE  
BALDACCI  
GRAHAM

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

At the recommendation of the Audit & Program Review Committee, a law was passed in 1987 that required a license to practice landscape architecture. Prior to that time persons had to be registered in order to call themselves Maine registered landscape architects. Qualifications were a degree from a college of landscape architecture and 2 years experience. The 1987 law grandfathered persons who were registered (since the qualifications did not change) and gave other practitioners until January 1, 1992 to become licensed.

This bill deletes language added in 1987 forbidding the practice of landscape architecture by unlicensed persons.