

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**BILL SUMMARIES  
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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES**

**MAY 1992**

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 far right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

PUBLIC XXX	Chapter # of enacted Public Law
P&S XXX	Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
RESOLVE XXX	Chapter # of enacted Resolve
CON RES XXX	Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
EMERGENCY	Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days
CARRIED OVER	Bill carried over to Special Session
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass report accepted
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw report accepted
INDEF PP	Bill Indefinitely Postponed
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	House and Senate disagree; bill died
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE	Committee of Conference formed but unable to agree
VETO SUSTAINED	Legislature filed to override Governor's Veto
UNSIGNED	Not signed by Governor within 10 days
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	Action incomplete when session ended; bill died

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If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

**LD 1997    An Act to Amend the Law Regarding the Responsibilities of  
Code Enforcement Officers to Approve Plans or Technical  
Submissions by Architects**

**PUBLIC 874  
EMERGENCY**

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**COMMITTEE REPORT  
OTP-AM**

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
S-601**

**SUMMARY**

The purpose of this bill is to remove the requirement that local code enforcement officers be responsible for enforcing laws regulating the practice of architecture. It also amends the law dealing with the type of building, alteration, renovation or remodeling work which require plans prepared by an architect. Currently, 1 and 2-family dwellings, farm buildings, and alterations that do not affect a building's structure and do not require a building permit are exempted. This bill extends the dwelling exemption to 4 families and exempts alterations whose value is less than 15% of the value of the building or \$50,000, whichever is the lesser amount or that do not require a permit. (Through a drafting error the bill did not actually accomplish its intent relative to these exemptions.)

Committee Amendment "A" accomplishes the following:

1. It expands the paragraph of the law that exempts engineers in the practice of their profession from the need for an architect's license.
2. It eliminates a provision of the bill which exempted dwellings for 4 or fewer families from the need for an architect. Current law exempts dwellings for 2 or fewer families. The amendment adds the word 'detached' in order to help define the type of dwelling or buildings being exempted.
3. It corrects a technical error regarding an exception to the need for an architect's license for remodeling, which had resulted in the obvious intent of the bill being reversed.
4. It exempts from the need for an architect's license buildings whose principal purpose is not human occupancy, single story buildings of less than 1,000 square feet, and pre-engineered manufactured buildings.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-729) to Committee Amendment "A" eliminates from the committee amendment the exemption from the need for an architect for pre-engineered manufactured buildings.

**LD 1998    An Act to Benefit Consumers by Clarifying Directory  
Advertising for Osteopathic and Allopathic Physicians**

**ONTP**

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**COMMITTEE REPORT  
ONTP**

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill requires telephone utilities and affiliates that publish directories to list osteopathic physicians and allopathic physicians under the listing of "Physicians and Surgeons."