

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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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 2027 An Act to Expand the Definition of Tenant in the Laws Pertaining to Mobile Home Parks**

PUBLIC 661

**SPONSOR(S)**

MARTIN J  
LAWRENCE

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

H-920

**SUMMARY**

The bill expands the definition of "tenant" in the laws pertaining to mobile home parks to include people who rent both the land and the mobile home. Current law appears to include only persons who own the mobile home in the definition of tenant.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-920) replaces the bill with a narrower change to the law regarding mobile homes. The amendment provides that a person who rents a mobile home and rents a lot in a mobile home park is entitled to a return of a security deposit, and that a person who rents a mobile home and a lot from the mobile home park operator is entitled to a return of rent when the warranty of habitability is violated.

**LD 2035 An Act to Encourage Lawful Rental Practices**

PUBLIC 666

**SPONSOR(S)**

LAWRENCE  
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MILLS  
STEVENS A

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

OTP-AM MAJ  
ONTP MIN

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

H-903 MAJ REP

**SUMMARY**

This bill increases the amount of damages a tenant may recover for illegal evictions from \$100 to \$500.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-903) replaces the bill, and increases the minimum amount of damages a tenant may recover for an illegal eviction from \$100 to \$250.

**LD 2036 An Act to Clarify the Law Concerning the Safety Course Necessary to Obtain a Concealed Firearms Permit**

ONTP

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**COMMITTEE REPORT**

ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

Current law requires completion of a handgun safety course as part of the application for a concealed firearms permit. The bill would have amended the statute to allow the requirement to be met if the applicant completed any firearm safety course.