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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              |

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, especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

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

store licensee may appeal a Commission decision not to renew an agency liquor store license to Administrative Court.

**LD 2057      An Act to Preserve Public Trust in the State Police      ONTP**

| <b>SPONSOR(S)</b>                             | <b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b> | <b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b> |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| BAILEY H<br>TWITCHELL<br>CAHILL P<br>MACOMBER | ONTP                    |                           |

**SUMMARY**

The bill would have required a person who was employed as a member of the State Police but who did not complete the number of years of creditable service necessary for a full service retirement benefit, to get written permission from the Chief of the State Police before making reference to that employment in an advertisement for the sale of a service or product.

**LD 2058      Resolve, Authorizing Fred Bubar, Thomas Bubar, Clifford Bubar, Galen Helstrom, Gary Helstrom and Gene Helstrom to Sue the State      LV/WD**

| <b>SPONSOR(S)</b> | <b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b> | <b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| MAHANY            | LV/WD                   |                           |

**SUMMARY**

The resolve would have authorized Fred Bubar, Thomas Bubar, Clifford Bubar, Galen Helstrom, Gary Helstrom and Gene Helstrom to sue the State for damages resulting from alleged negligence by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources in the process of inspecting and analyzing potatoes.

**LD 2065      An Act to Prevent Intoxication-related Injuries, Deaths and Damages      ONTP**

| <b>SPONSOR(S)</b>                         | <b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b> | <b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b> |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| PARADIS P<br>LIPMAN<br>KETTERER<br>PINEAU | ONTP                    |                           |

**SUMMARY**

The bill would have eliminated the \$250,000 cap on awards of damages for losses under the Maine Liquor Liability Act. The cap applies to all damages, except costs for medical care and treatment.