

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**BILL SUMMARIES
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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH 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

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.

The amendment allows a business suffering injuries due to a violation of any of these provisions to bring a civil action.

The amendment also sets up a committee to advise the Attorney General on matters pertaining to marketing of petroleum products.

House Amendment "A" (H-1166) to Committee Amendment "A" deletes the separate reporting requirement for wholesalers and combines wholesaler and refiner reporting, adds an exemption for large municipalities to the geographic radius anticompetitive trade practices provision and adds 2 retailers to the Petroleum Advisory Committee.

House Amendment "B" (H-1229) to Committee Amendment "A" gives the Governor authority to appoint the 2 trade association members who previously had been the presidents of the 2 trade associations.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-643) to Committee Amendment "A" removes the provision that would prohibit agreements of more than one year in duration for the retail sale of home heating oil to residential customers.

Senate Amendment "B" (S-657) to Committee Amendment "A" eliminates the retailer reporting requirement and the prohibition against home heating oil contracts of over 1 year. It specifically prohibits unfair competition or trade practices and allows the Attorney General to define these terms.

LD 2204 An Act to Regulate Home Repair by Transient Contractors ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
SHELTRA VIGUE BERUBE LORD	ONTP	

SUMMARY

The purpose of this bill is to require transient door-to-door sellers of home repair services to register with local police departments before they may solicit any home repair work. Violations of these laws may result in criminal and civil penalties. The Department of the Attorney General is to provide the local police department with all forms necessary to conduct this registration program.

LD 2214 An Act to Exempt Novelty Beverage Containers from the Deposit Laws ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
DUTREMBLE D	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill exempts the unclaimed deposits held by a deposit initiator on novelty beverage containers from the amount that the deposit initiator must remit to the Treasurer of State.