

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE  
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**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

**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.

**LD 2345 An Act Concerning Reasonable Standards and Procedures for Contracting Services by the State**

UNSIGNED

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**COMMITTEE REPORT**

OTP-AM MAJ  
ONTP MIN

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

H-1174 MIN REP  
S-688 VOSE  
S-773 BRANNIGAN

**SUMMARY**

This bill established standards that must be met by State Government before it contracts for services outside the civil service system, and required that notice of intent to contract must be given to employee representatives, the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and interested parties.

The Committee amendment (H-1174) made changes in the types of general conditions and clarified the cost savings conditions under which personal services contracting was permissible. It also reduced the notification procedures required when a request for a personal services contract was made, and added a reporting requirement, an effective date, an appropriation section and a fiscal note to the bill.

Senate amendment A (S-688) made technical corrections to the committee amendment.

Senate amendment B (S-773) struck the appropriation section and fiscal note from the bill.

**LD 2350**

**An Act Concerning Economic Impact Analysis in Agency Rulemaking (Reported Pursuant to Public Law 1991, chapter 606)**

ONTP

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**COMMITTEE REPORT**

ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill represented a majority recommendation of the Commission to Study State Permitting and Reporting Requirements. It was one of 4 bills and one resolution submitted by the commission.

This bill would have required an analysis of all rules having a fiscal or economic impact over \$1,000,000 or all rules that would cause a major increase in costs or adversely affect competition, employment or investment. Present law requires a benefit and cost analysis of existing rules with a fiscal impact of over \$1,000,000.

This bill would have defined the word "impact" to mean fiscal impact in the case of all rules, economic impact in the case of small business and benefit and cost analysis in the case of rules with a major fiscal or economic impact.

This bill would have required that an agency reduce the burden of a rule by the use of simplified timetables and by the consideration of simplified compliance requirements and would have required consideration of different compliance requirements, excepting small business from certain rules and the use of performance standards. It also would have required that an agency determine the economic impact of a proposed rule on small business and review, every 10 years, each existing rule as it affects small business.

This bill would have allowed an agency to establish a committee to negotiate the making of a rule.