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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES**

JULY 1993

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.

The committee report or reports, the prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor in each house if one has been designated are listed below each bill title. 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 right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

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

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.

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

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LD 97 **An Act Regarding the Labeling of Returnable Containers** ONTP

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
ROTONDI ONTP

SUMMARY

This bill requires that returnable containers be labeled with the refund value and the word "Maine" or the abbreviation "ME" in letters of not less than 1/4 inch type size.

LD 114 **An Act to Amend the Lemon Law** ONTP

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
TRACY ONTP

SUMMARY

This bill allows a lengthier mileage limit for recreational vehicles manufactured to serve as mobile residences before they become ineligible for lemon law arbitration.

LD 117 **An Act to Provide an Inactive License for Barbers and Cosmetologists** ONTP

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
POULIN ONTP

SUMMARY

This bill allows barbers and cosmetologists to place their licenses in an inactive status at a fee of no more than \$60 for 3 years. Licensees who wish to return to an active status within 3 years may do so without taking the examination required of new licensees. Licensees who choose to return to active status after 3 years must pass an examination as designated by the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology.

LD 125 **An Act to Prohibit the Board of Land Surveyors from Enacting Continuing Education Rules** PUBLIC 29

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
VOSE OTP-AM S-34

SUMMARY

This bill removes the authority of the Board of Licensure for Professional Land Surveyors to make rules requiring continuing education for relicensure, thereby voiding current rules, prohibiting new rules, and requiring any continuing education requirement to be in statute.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-34) requires the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation to appoint a study committee consisting of representatives of those who oppose any continuing education, those who favor the boards's continuing education rule, those who favor continuing education but not that currently in rule and a public member. This committee is to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Business Legislation by January 1, 1994 on the role of continuing education in assuring licensee competence and the specifics of any recommended program.