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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 452 An Act to Amend the Maine Returnable Bottle Bill

ONTP

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COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill requires that persons responsible for the pick up of empty beverage containers pay the dealers and local redemption centers, at the time of pickup, all of the refund, deposit and handling charges related to the beverage containers being picked up. In addition, this bill ties the minimum pickup number at licensed redemption centers to the quantities that are delivered to dealers served by the redemption centers.

LD 508

An Act to Provide Additional Exemptions to the Need for a Cosmetology License

PUBLIC 179

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COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-243

SUMMARY

Currently, the law allows persons authorized to practice medicine and surgery to perform cosmetology functions without being licensed. This bill extends this exemption to persons working under the supervision of a doctor of medicine or surgery.

The bill also exempts from the need for a cosmetology license persons who apply the special make-up required for appearance in the theater or as a model.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-243) adds a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 512 An Act to Centralize Further the Permitting Process for Retail Businesses and to Allow Some Municipalities to Act as Central Permitting Agents

PUBLIC 430

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COMMITTEE REPORT
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AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-367
H-408 HOGLUND
H-676 HOGLUND

SUMMARY

In December, 1991, a report was issued by the Commission to Study State Permitting and Reporting Requirements. Among other recommendations, it recommended that the Office of Business Development of the Department of Economic and Community Development maintain an inventory of all required licenses and provide information and assistance relative to them. The study also recommended that the Department of Economic and Community Development issue a report on the idea of one-stop licensing to the Committee on Housing and Economic Development by January 30, 1993.

This bill creates a central licensing office within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation for retail businesses. It also allows municipalities to act as a central office for retailers with less than 10,000 square feet of floor space. Finally, it allows retailers to retain 1/2 of 1% of the sales tax collected on the first \$1,000,000 of sales in order to offset the cost of the licensing process.