

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**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:

*PUBLIC XXX*

*P&S XXX*

*RESOLVE XXX*

*CON RES XXX*

*EMERGENCY*

*CARRIED OVER*

*ONTP*

*ENACTMENT FAILED*

*INDEF PP*

*FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT*

*FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT*

*DIED BETWEEN BODIES*

*CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE*

*VETO SUSTAINED*

*UNSIGNED*

*DIED ON ADJOURNMENT*

*Chapter # of enacted Public Law*

*Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law*

*Chapter # of enacted Resolve*

*Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses*

*Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days*

*Bill carried over to Second Session*

*Ought Not to Pass report accepted*

*Bill failed to get majority vote*

*Bill Indefinitely Postponed*

*Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote*

*Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote*

*House & Senate disagree; bill died*

*Committee of Conference formed but unable to agree*

*Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto*

*Not signed by Governor within 10 days*

*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.

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

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**SUMMARY**

In 1989 the Legislature required the Manufactured Housing Board to adopt standards for the installation of manufactured homes in the State. The board has adopted those standards. This bill requires that all manufactured homes be installed in accordance with those standards. The committee decided to carry-over the bill in order to closely examine the Manufactured Housing Board's recommendations.

**LD 520**

**An Act to Amend the Maine Housing Authorities Act**

PUBLIC 175

**SPONSOR(S)**  
KONTOS

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-232

**SUMMARY**

This bill adds confidentiality provisions to the weatherization, energy conservation and fuel assistance programs now being administered by the Maine State Housing Authority. The confidentiality provisions were included in the now repealed Maine Community Services Act, which previously provided for these programs.

The bill also clarifies the authority of the Maine State Housing Authority to make direct loans, designates the Maine State Housing Authority as the State's representative for accessing federal funds for homeless assistance programs under the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, and establishes the Temporary Housing Assistance Program which provides assistance to low-income persons to enable them to become tenants of rental housing units in the State.

The bill expands the definition of low-income rental housing in the preservation program to include projects with any state or federally subsidized tenants, extends the Maine State Housing Authority's right of first refusal from 30 days to 6 months in order to provide sufficient time to properly evaluate the properties, and clarifies that any action taken, not just sale of the project, that will result in the termination of assistance to the low-income tenants will trigger the right of first refusal.

The committee amendment (H-232) adds "homeless assistance" to reflect the recent program transfer to the Maine State Housing Authority and provides for a 90-day right of first refusal. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 575**

**An Act to Require Job Impact Statements for Investment Programs Administered by the Finance Authority of Maine**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
TREAT  
PINGREE  
KONTOS

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill requires the Finance Authority of Maine to analyze an application for access to capital for the effect it will have on job creation, wages, gender, employment and tax revenues. The authority is then required to track those parameters for 3 years following funding of that project and report the information to the Legislature and Governor annually.