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BILL SUMMARIES
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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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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 1226 An Act to Promote Enforcement of Laws Pertaining to Alcohol ONTP
Use by Minors

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

SUMMARY

Presently, a judge at the judge's discretion may assign community service work to serve as an alternative to or in addition to the civil fines imposed on a minor who illegally possessed alcohol. This bill would have required a judge to assign community service work to serve as the alternative to the civil fines. The bill would have retained the provision that community service may be assigned at the judge's discretion in addition to the civil fines.

LD 1235 An Act Concerning State Claims ONTP

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

SUMMARY

This bill would have required a state agency disapproving a claim or part of a claim against it to notify the claimant of the right to appeal to the State Claims Commission within 30 days of the disapproval.

LD 1237 An Act to Exclude Certain Parks from the Definition of ONTP
Mobile Home Parks

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

SUMMARY

This bill would have exempted mobile home parks that are open and operated only on a seasonal basis from regulation under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, chapters 951 and 953.

LD 1238 An Act to Reform Campaign Financing in State Elections ONTP

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

SUMMARY

This bill would have limited contributions made by individuals, political committees or other associations to candidates for state legislative seats to \$200 for a Senate candidate and \$100 for a House of Representatives candidate for any election. The bill would have excluded contributions made by the candidate or candidate's spouse.

LD 1242 An Act Concerning Concealed Weapon Permits ONTP

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

SUMMARY

This bill would have authorized a full refund to a person 55 years of age or older for overpayment of

fees for concealed weapons permits and renewals during 1991 and 1992.

LD 1251 Resolve, Authorizing Stephanie Burton to Sue the Town of Freeport CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S) MITCHELL J	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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SUMMARY

This resolve would authorize Stephanie Burton to sue the Town of Freeport for damages resulting from an injury allegedly sustained in a motor vehicle accident that involved a vehicle driven by an employee of the town.

LD 1265 Resolve, Authorizing Philip E. Wolley to Bring Suit against the State ONTP

SPONSOR(S) BALDACCI	COMMITTEE REPORT ONTP	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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SUMMARY

This resolve would have authorized Philip E. Wolley to sue the State for the costs and expenses that he allegedly incurred in connection with his dismissal from employment. Mr. Wolley was accused of misappropriation of funds and discharged from his position with the State Lottery Commission. The charge was later dismissed.

LD 1272 An Act to Allow Agency Liquor Stores to Remain Open Past 5:00 P.M. on Sundays ONTP

SPONSOR(S) VIGUE	COMMITTEE REPORT ONTP	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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SUMMARY

This bill would have allowed municipal officers to adopt ordinances to set closing hours for agency liquor stores, so long as the municipality's charter generally allows the municipal officers to adopt ordinances.

LD 1280 An Act to Amend the Laws Related to Concealed Weapon Permits PUBLIC 340

SPONSOR(S) STEVENS A	COMMITTEE REPORT OTP-AM	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED H-402 H-479 DAGGETT
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SUMMARY

This bill provides for the designation of either the State Police or the county sheriff as the issuing authority for a municipality for concealed weapons permits and amends the current law to allow fees for issuing concealed weapons permits to be distributed to the county if the designated issuing authority is the county sheriff. The bill also designates the issuing authority for concealed weapons permits in