

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE  
116TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
LEGAL AFFAIRS**

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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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**LD 1328      An Act to Keep Drunk Drivers Off the Road**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**

LAWRENCE

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED****SUMMARY**

This bill would have required the State Police to conduct a study of the feasibility of the installation of breath protection devices in the vehicles of persons convicted of operating under the influence of alcohol or drugs. The bill would have increased the penalties for persons convicted of operating after suspension of license or registration, persons convicted of operating after suspension of license or registration and operating under the influence of alcohol or drugs and persons convicted of injuring another person while operating under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

**LD 1332      An Act to Protect Landlords from Certain Types of Fraud**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**

BERUBE

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED****SUMMARY**

This bill would have established the crime of rental housing fraud when a person, with the intent to defraud, obtained rental housing and by deception avoided paying rent.

**LD 1355      An Act to Revise the Election and Campaign Finance Laws  
Regarding Write-in Candidates**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**

MORRISON

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED****SUMMARY**

This bill would have clarified that a write-in candidate must file reports on a campaign for office.

**LD 1372      An Act to Provide for Special Liquor Licenses**

PUBLIC 259

**SPONSOR(S)**

CONLEY

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

ONTP

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OTP-AM

MIN

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

S-166    CONLEY

**SUMMARY**

This bill creates a special license to allow manufacturers of malt liquor to conduct an annual taste-testing festival. The bill also establishes a new brewery license for mid-size breweries.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-166) replaces the original bill. The amendment retains the special taste-testing festival license portion of the bill but increases the license fee from \$50 to \$100 and adds a fiscal note.