

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE
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**BILL SUMMARIES
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES**

MAY 1994

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, 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

ONTP

INDEF PP

FAILED ENACTMENT

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

Ought Not to Pass report accepted

Bill Indefinitely Postponed

Bill failed to get majority vote

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 unable to agree; bill died

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

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**LD 1743 An Act Regarding Municipal Code Enforcement Officers and
Enforcement of Penalties**

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
MCCORMICK

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill requires that code enforcement officers appointed by municipalities pursuant to shoreland zoning ordinances be certified and appointed for 5-year periods. The bill clarifies when a municipality must employ a certified code enforcement officer and who has standing to bring action against the municipality for violation of the law regarding training and certification of code enforcement officers.

**LD 1774 Resolve, Directing the Bureau of General Services
to Study the Capitol Complex**

INDEF PP

SPONSOR(S)
FOSTER

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill creates the Maine Office Development Authority for the purpose of renovating or constructing state-owned facilities to house the functions of State Government when practicable and in the best interests of the State.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-467) replaces the original bill and directs the Bureau of General Services to conduct a comprehensive review of all state-owned facilities in the Capitol Complex and report back to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government and the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs with a plan to renovate the facilities. The amendment also directs the bureau to develop a building authority similar to the Maine Court Facilities Authority. The report must be completed by December 1, 1994. This amendment also adds an appropriation and a fiscal note to the bill. The bill died on the Appropriations Table.

**LD 1788 An Act to Reduce the Property Tax Burden in Androscoggin
County**

PUBLIC 573

SPONSOR(S)
BERUBE

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
S-457

SUMMARY

This bill governs the use and disposition of surplus funds in Androscoggin County for the county fiscal years 1993 and 1994. The bill requires that any surplus funds remaining at the end of the county's 1993 fiscal year must first be used to restore the county contingent account to the statutory limit. Second, \$100,000 is to be set aside as working capital for the county. Third, all remaining surplus funds must be used to reduce the county tax levy in the county's 1994 fiscal year.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" governs the use and disposition of any future county budget surplus funds in Androscoggin County. If the county has surplus funds, the amendment requires that at least 10% of the surplus must be used to reduce taxes. It also limits the use of any other surplus funds by prohibiting them from being spent on any capital items unless they are used as part of the capital improvement program developed by the county commissioners and approved by the budget committee. The amendment also adds a mandate preamble and a fiscal note to the bill.