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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 summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

All Adopted Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor if it is a floor amendment or the designation "COMMITTEE" if it is a committee amendment.

Final action for each bill is listed to the right of the title. If final House action and Senate action differ, both are listed.

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Key to Committee Reports and Floor Action:

OTP	Ought to Pass
OTP-ND	Ought to Pass in New Draft
OTP-ND-NT	Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
OTP-A	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

LD AN ACT TO ALTER IMPLEMENTATION OF REQUIREMENT
331 TO PROVIDE REST ROOMS IN RESTAURANTS

PL 1987
c. 8
EMERGENCY

Sponsor: BUSTIN, Armstrong, Clark, N.
Committee Report: NOT REFD TO COMTE

SUMMARY: Legislation passed in 1985 required that by Jan. 1, 1987 all restaurants have restrooms. This bill sets back the deadline for enforcing this requirement until July 1, 1987.

LD AN ACT TO PROHIBIT TOBACCO COMPANIES FROM
356 SPONSORING COMMUNITY, SPORTING, RECREATIONAL OR
CIVIC EVENTS

LVWD

Sponsor: KIMBALL, Mayo, Melendy, Gill
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: According to the Statement of Fact the purpose of this bill is to forbid tobacco company sponsorship in return for promotion of events which associate their product with a healthy and youthful life style. However, the bill itself includes prohibition of sponsorship of all community and civil events as well as those that are sporting and recreational.

Free distribution of tobacco products to minors is currently forbidden. A State's activity in restricting this type of promotion is limited by the Federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act which states that no requirement or prohibition based on smoking and health shall be imposed by a state with respect to the advertising or promotion of cigarettes.

LD AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN LICENSE RENEWAL
392 REQUIREMENTS FOR LEGISLATORS

LVWD

Sponsor: ARMSTRONG
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: Real estate licenses must be renewed every two years. To qualify for renewal a person must have attended 12 hours of real estate oriented educational programs approved by the Continuing Education Committee which is approved by the Real Estate Commission. Persons desiring approval as a provider of continuing education are required to apply to the committee. The committee is required to approve programs that "meaningfully contribute to improving the licensee's ability to meet the needs of his client."

This is further defined as "The ability of the program to improve the licensee's knowledge of the real estate business and to assist the licensee in keeping abreast of changing laws, regulations or practices." Approvable programs may include video-tape, correspondence and other formats subject to the committee's approval. A fifty dollar fee is charged by statute for a successful application to be a continuing education provider.

The purpose of this bill was to exempt legislators from the continuing education requirement.

Committee Amendment A: This amendment gives legislators 6 hours credit per legislative session towards the 12 hour biennial requirement continuing education requirement.

LD AN ACT TO AMEND THE POSTGRADUATE RESIDENCY
413 REQUIREMENTS FOR PHYSICIANS

ND LD 1609
EMERGENCY

Sponsor: MARTIN, J., Pray
Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 1609

SUMMARY: See New Draft, LD 1609.

LD AN ACT MAKING CHANGES TO THE DIETITIAN
473 REGISTRATION ACT

PL 1987
c. 313

Sponsor: BUSTIN, Gill, Telow, Allen
Committee Report: OTP-AM
Amendments Adopted:
S-112 COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: Dietitians are currently regulated under the provisions of a law passed in 1985 as part of an omnibus bill entitled "AN ACT Affecting the Statutes of Agencies within the Dept. of Business, Occupational and Professional Regulation." During 1985 there was also a bill introduced to license dietitians. This bill was passed on a divided report and was vetoed by the Governor.

Currently dietitians are regulated under the term "registration". There are certain experience and education requirements but no requirement for an examination. Persons may be dietitians without registering but are not allowed to call themselves registered dietitians. A survey of other states conducted by the office of Audit and Program Review indicated that certification is the term most generally used for regulation similar to that currently in place for dietitians.