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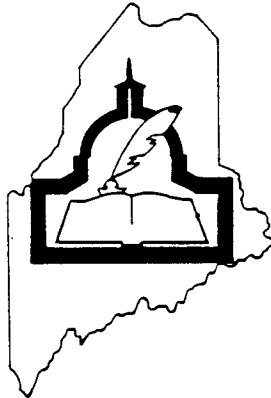
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BILL SUMMARY



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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.

Please let us know if you would prefer a different format or additional information and if the summaries are helpful.

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  
689

AN ACT TO EXEMPT CERTAIN SIGNS FROM THE  
BILLBOARD LAW

LVWD

Sponsor: TARDY, McGowan, Sherburne, Twitchell  
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill seeks to add seasonal agricultural businesses to those that can place off premise business signs without license.

No license is required for on premise business signs. Off premise business signs are under the supervision of the Department of Transportation with the advise of The Travel Information Advisory Council. They have a program of licensed business signs. This program allows only directional signs and, generally speaking, no signs may be erected except under the auspices of this program. A business is restricted to 6 signs none of which may be more than 10 miles from the location of the business. These signs may be, and generally are, erected within the right of way, which is the area owned by the state or municipality and consists of the road, shoulders, ditches etc., the total width of which is specially delineated for each road. The initial fee is not to exceed \$30 per sign with an annual renewal not to exceed \$30.

There are currently a number of exceptions to the requirement that a business sign be part of the State program. The only signs that may be placed in a right of way without a license are those dealing with government, religious or civic organization meetings or signs related to a specific political campaign. Signs which may be placed outside the right of way without license include those for non-profit fund raising activities, county fairs, historical and cultural institutions and general political or religious messages.

LD AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE LAWS RELATING TO NEW  
713 AUTOMOBILE DEALERSHIPS

LVWD

Sponsor: POULIOT, Warren, Racine, Theriault  
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: Currently all car dealers are required to have a repair department, sufficient tools and equipment, and a mechanic with thorough knowledge of the vehicles being handled.