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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

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.

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.

This bill seeks to require that new cars be sold only thru franchised dealers. However, there is some question as to whether the bill merely ends up requiring new car dealers to have service facilities and this is already required of all dealers by section 343.

The problem is a semantic one dealing with current law which states what a person must do to get a new car dealers license but does not say that such a license is required. It also contains a provision that prohibits a dealer from having more than 5 new cars without a license. However, this bill strikes out the latter provision.

LD AN ACT TO MAINTAIN ITEMIZED PRICING ONTP
723

Sponsor: GWADOSKY, McHenry, Racine, Sheltra
Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: This bill appears to be in response to the trend toward computer readable pricing, which has resulted in the retailer putting the price of an item on the shelf in front of the item but not on each individual item. The bill requires that any item sold at retail carry a notation of its price on the item.

LD AN ACT TO LIMIT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGE ON ND LD 1636
782 SALES OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES TO THE ACTUAL
ADMINISTRATIVE COST

Sponsor: BUSTIN
Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 1636

SUMMARY: See New Draft, LD 1636.

LD AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW PERTAINING TO LABELING ONTP
794 MEDICATION PRESCRIPTIONS

Sponsor: SMITH, Boutilier, Manning, Gauvreau
Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: This bill is similar to LD 315 except that it places the burden of the labeling on the physician.