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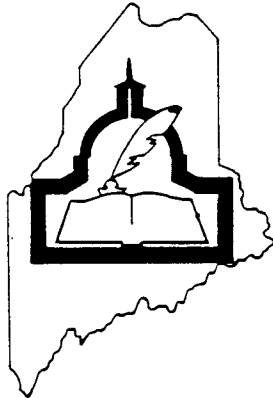
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

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:

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|-----------|---------------------------------------|
| 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 |

It provides that CPA or public accountant applicants who have accounting experience in the State Department of Audit or the Bureau of Taxation receive credit toward the experience requirement for that experience.

It rewrites the continuing educational requirements simply to clarify that the requirements must be no fewer than 72 hours in any three year period and no more than 120 hours in any three year period, and no fewer than 12 hours in any one year period.

The prohibition section has been rewritten prohibiting unlicensed persons or firms from issuing reports, including reviews and compilations, on financial statements, but clarifying that they are allowed to provide other services involving the use of accounting skills.

It deletes the prohibition on the use of the designation "EA", which is a designation now used by enrolled accountants with the IRS.

Finally, it deletes the prohibition on the use of the designation accountant or accounting, thereby allowing unlicensed persons or firms to designate themselves as an accountant or to represent that they provide accounting services.

LD
895

AN ACT TO EXTEND MAINE'S BOTTLE BILL

PL 1987
c. 275

Sponsor: MAHANY, Andrews, Ludwig, Stanley
Committee Report: ONTP (Majority)
OTP (Minority)

Amendments Adopted:
S-89 BALDACCI
S-94 BALDACCI

SUMMARY: Maine has a law which endeavors to have beverage containers reused or recycled in order to help with the problem of their disposal. The essence of the law is a requirement that each container shall have refund value, which shall be clearly identified on the container.

Currently this law pertains to containers for beer and soft drinks. This bill includes wine coolers within the provision of the Maine beverage container law.

House Amendment A: This amendment raises the handling fee for redeeming containers from 2¢ to 2 1/2¢.

House Amendment B: Requires a 2 1/2 ¢ handling fee for wine coolers.

Senate Amendment A: This amendment defines wine coolers as having more than 15% non-wine liquid and contains less than 7% alcohol. (S-89)

Senate Amendment B: This amendment includes all drinks except milk in The Maine Bottle Law.

Senate Amendment C: This amendment is the same as House Amendment B.

Senate Amendment D: This amendment is the same as House Amendment A.

Senate Amendment E. This amendment delays the effective date of the act until July 1, 1988. (S-94)

LD AN ACT TO MANDATE RUSTPROOFING DESIGNATION OF ONTP
901 MOTOR VEHICLES

Sponsor: BOUTILIER, Crowley, Allen, Perkins
Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: This bill requires that someone who rustproofs a car or claims that it is rustproofed offer specifics as to the type and method of rustproofing.

LD AN ACT TO EXEMPT CERTAIN RESTAURANTS FROM ONTP
936 RESTROOM REQUIREMENTS

Sponsor: ROLDE
Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: In 1985 legislation passed which required that as of Jan. 1, 1987 all restaurants must have restrooms. This bill grandfathers restaurants which were in operation on Jan. 1, 1987.