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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 1342 also deals with this subject area. It differs from LD 1044 bill in that:

1. It only refers to public buildings.
2. It makes the code mandatory.
3. it makes the Department of Public Safety the administrative agency.
4. It identifies the qualifications of the inspecting officer.
5. It does not deal with home contracts.

Committee Amendment A: This amendment eliminates the voluntary statewide building code from the bill. It also eliminates the requirement for an Attorney General fact sheet in conjunction with home construction portion of the bill, which portion now becomes the whole bill.

LD
1100

AN ACT TO REGISTER ACUPUNCTURISTS

PL 1987
c. 488

Sponsor: PERKINS, Diamond, Allen, Hillock
Committee Report: OTP-AM
Amendments Adopted:
S-214 COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: The rules of the Board of Registration in medicine prohibit the practice of acupuncture by other than physicians. In spite of this prohibition, some 20 persons in Maine practice acupuncture as a treatment onto itself. This bill requires that a person register with the Department of Human Services before he may practice acupuncture. The Department is to set rules as to what qualifies someone to be registered to practice. These rules are to cover health, safety, sanitation and procedures. They are not to cover education, training or experience, subjects which are the usual qualifications for certification or licensing. There is no provision for a regulatory board.

Committee Amendment A sets up an Acupuncture Licensing Board within the Department of Professional and Financial Registration. This Board is to license persons as acupuncturists and no person may practice as an acupuncturist without this license. The Board is to have five members of whom three shall be licensed acupuncturists, one shall be a licensed, practicing physician and one shall be a public member.

The fee for application for registration is to be set by the Board. The Board may set initial and renewal registration fees up to \$75 biennially.

LD AN ACT TO FACILITATE THE ADVERTISING OF LOCAL ONTP
1104 BUSINESSES UNDER THE MAINE TRAVELER INFORMATION
SERVICES ACT

Sponsor: TWITCHELL
Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: This bill relates to 2 pieces of current law:

1. All off-premise signs on public ways must be part of the State's official sign program. This program allows such signs only when the traveler changes direction from one public way into another to reach the place of business.

2. An exception to this rule is when the business is on a private way in which case a sign may be placed on the public way at the entrance to the private way.

A town way is a public way. Therefore, a business on a "town way" can and must apply to the State's program to have a sign placed at the intersection of that business' "town way" with any public way. Granting an exception to town ways would be the same as granting an exception to all public ways.

LD AN ACT TO EXEMPT CERTAIN EATING ESTABLISHMENTS PL 1987
1106 FROM THE REQUIREMENTS TO PROVIDE A PUBLIC c. 86
TOILET FACILITY EMERGENCY

Sponsor: BUSTIN
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 19
Amendments Adopted:
S-30 PERKINS

SUMMARY: Legislation passed in 1985 required that as of January 1, 1987, all restaurants must have at least one restroom for the use of its customers. Public law 1987, chapter 8, was passed on an emergency basis and postpones this deadline until July 1, 1987.

The purpose of the original bill is to exempt certain restaurants from this requirement. The original bill removed all restaurants of under 27 seats, a number which was mistakenly felt to match the Division of Health Engineering's categorization of the smallest restaurants.