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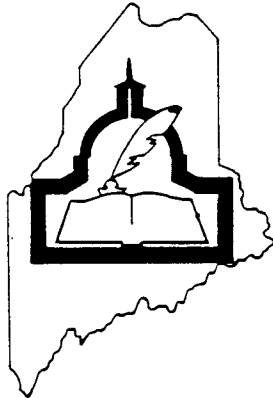
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All Adopted Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor if it is a floor amendment or the designation "COMMITTEE" if it is a committee amendment.

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: HOLLOWAY, Vose
Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: This bill accomplishes the following:

1. Removes the following items from the list of those which do not require a permit: installation of additional outlets, replacement of existing switches, repairs of entrance service equipment. There is some confusion over the matter of lamps. In the section dealing with exemptions current law mentions lamps twice as follows; "the replacement of lamps" and "the replacement of existing lamps". This bill takes out the first, but not the second.
2. Repeals the provision that exempts private homes from the requirement to have an electrical installation permit.

This bill deals with the somewhat confusing area where state and local regulations meet. Municipalities are empowered to issue electrical permits for installation or alteration and to require inspection of such permitted installations. Since this current legislation uses the phrase "if said resolution or ordinance so provides", this is what is called enabling legislation. State law in title 30 says that in spite of extensive state law in that area, municipalities still have power to enact ordinances dealing with this issue. Thus, section 1 of the bill will have little effect if the municipalities elect to put different provisions in statute.

State law currently requires a permit for electrical installation or alteration, except minor repairs, in all buildings except private homes. This permit is to be issued by the Electricians Examining Board unless the municipality has an ordinance to conduct such inspections itself. This bill removes both the exemption for private homes and changes the list of exempted minor repairs. Relative to the latter point, if municipalities elect to ignore the list provided in title 30, then the state can require inspection of those items that the municipality has not covered. There is no provision for the qualifications required of either state or municipal inspecting officers.