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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES  
MAY 1988**

*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 for floor amendments. Final action is listed to the right of the title. If final House and Senate action differ, both are listed. Committee Reports and Floor Action are indicated as follows::*

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| <b>OTP</b>       | <b>Ought to Pass</b>                         |
| <b>OTP-ND</b>    | <b>Ought to Pass in New Draft</b>            |
| <b>OTP-ND-NT</b> | <b>Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title</b> |
| <b>OTP-A</b>     | <b>Ought to Pass as Amended</b>              |
| <b>ONTP</b>      | <b>Ought Not to Pass</b>                     |
| <b>LVWD</b>      | <b>Leave to Withdraw</b>                     |
| <b>INDEF PP</b>  | <b>Indefinitely Postponed</b>                |

*Each individual summary was prepared by the analyst assigned, as noted for each committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including Secretaries: Charlene Brann, Janet Jean, Earl Knox, Valarie Parlin; Research Assistant Hartley Palleschi. Finally, Secretary Laurette Knox, Legal Assistant Carolyn Chick, and Research Assistant Robert Dunn had special responsibilities in the preparation of the overall document.*

*Please give us your suggestions and comments on these summaries and tell us of any inaccuracies.*

LD An Act Concerning the Sale of Dessert Wine  
1269

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)

REEVES  
ROLDE  
PERRY  
DILLENBACK

COMMITTEE REPORT

LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would allow licenses, as well as the State Liquor Commission and agency liquor stores, to sell fortified wine (over 15.5% alcohol by volume). Currently, only state and agency liquor stores may sell fortified wine.

**LD** An Act to Clarify the Laws Relating to Notary Public  
**1377**

ND 2176

SPONSOR(S)

MAYBURY  
ERWIN E  
MURPHY T  
COTE

COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-ND-NT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

Replaced By, LD 2176

LD An Act to Establish a 10% Surtax on Fines to be Dedicated to LV/WD  
1452 the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in Lieu of Tuition Paid  
by Municipalities

SPONSOR(S)

VOSE  
GWADOSKY  
JACQUES

COMMITTEE REPORT

LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session to allow time for the Legislative Council-approved study to examine the issue of using a surcharge on fines, penalties and forfeitures to fund law enforcement training. (see LD 2120, LD 2594).

This bill would provide funding for the Maine Criminal Justice Academy by placing a 10% surtax on fines. The amounts would be deposited into a dedicated fund for the use of the Academy; any surplus would go into the General Fund. Replaced by study bill, LD 2120.