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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::

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

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.

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS LEGISLATION

LD An Act to Require Basic Written Contracts for Home ND 2175
1044 Construction Work

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BRANNIGAN OTP-ND-NT
RYDELL

SUMMARY
Replaced By LD 2175

LD An Act Relating to the Uniform Unclaimed Property Act LV/WD
1298

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MARSANO LV/WD
COTE
MACBRIDE

SUMMARY
Replaced by LD 2457

LD An Act to Reform the Pharmacy Laws ND 2555
1581

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BALDACCI OTP-ND
GOULD R R

SUMMARY
Replaced By LD 2555

LD An Act to Amend Laws Relating to Certain Licensing Boards PUBLIC
1713 597

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CURRAN OTP-AM H-455
TELOW H-443 ALLEN
RACINE

SUMMARY
The bill makes small changes in the laws licensing hearing aid dealers and fitters. It changes the cycle of renewals, allows consumers to pay the full price at the time of purchase, allows licensees to recoup 10% of the cost if a transaction is cancelled, and limits the obligation of licensees to accept a cancellation of a hearing aid order.

The bill also amends the laws governing occupational therapists to make it clear there are two categories -- occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants.

Finally, the bill amends the statutes concerning the licensing of plumbers. It increases the fees for licenses and examinations and increases the size of the board from 3 to 5. It clarifies the work hour requirements for licenses. Lastly, it stipulates that a master plumber can only be affiliated with one company.

The committee amendment added an allocations section. The House amendment added a transition for present members of the Plumber's Examining Board.

LD An Act Providing for a Reason in Notices of Eviction for LV/WD
1942 Cause in Mobile Home Parks

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
BALDACCI	LV/WD		

SUMMARY

This bill addressed an issue covered by a bill last session. It would have restored language requiring park owners to state "reason or reasons for termination" of a park rental, which was in the law before the rewording by last years bill.

For additional mobile home bills see Legal Affairs Committee.

LD An Act Relating to Disclosures when Selling Used Cars PUBLIC
1952 593

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
STEVENS A	OTP	MAJ	
	ONTP	MIN	

SUMMARY

The bill adds "substantial" back into the definition of collision damage that is reportable by the seller of a used car.