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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.

LD An Act Concerning the Carrying of Concealed Firearms by
2036 Licensed Private Investigators

PUBLIC
602

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
DILLENBACK BOUTILIER RIDLEY CAHILL	OTP-AM	S-316

SUMMARY

Current law requires all licensed private investigators to first pass a firearms proficiency exam unless they had law enforcement firearms training. Licensed private investigators are exempt, under current law, from the concealed firearms permit law. The original bill would eliminate the firearms proficiency requirement for private investigators, and would eliminate the concealed firearms permit exemption for new private investigators.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-316) instead continues the concealed firearms permit exemption for private investigators while in the course of duty. In addition, any private investigator who wishes to carry a firearm in the course of work must pass a firearms proficiency exam or meet its equivalent.

LD An Act to Create a Commission to Examine Rent Increases and
2060 Other Issues Concerning Mobile Homes

P & S
139
EMERGENCY

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
PRIEST ESTES GAUVREAU RYDELL	OTP-AM	H-668 S-529 PEARSON

SUMMARY

Current law prohibits landlords from charging "unreasonable or unjust" rents, but the provisions are vague and generally ineffective. The original bill would strengthen the law by defining in specific terms what constitutes unreasonable or unjust rent for mobile home park lots rents.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-668) removes the emergency and creates the Manufactured Housing Commission to study the issue of unreasonable rents and other concerns regarding mobile homes and other manufactured housing. The Commission will report back to the Legislature by December, 1989. See also LD 2147.