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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 Lorette 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
2605

An Act to Extend a Sunset Provision in the Civil Service Law

PUBLIC
724
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COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-629 GWADOSKY

SUMMARY

New Draft Of LD 2410

This new draft reenacted the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 7061, subsection 3, which was repealed effective March 15, 1988. Section 2 of the new draft authorized the continuation of collective bargaining on the issue of standards for the preparation and updating of written job classification specifications.

A House Amendment added an emergency preamble and emergency clause.

LD An Act to Establish Greater Communication in the
2611 Rule-Making Process and to Provide Better Standards
for the Adoption of Rules

INDEF PP

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COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

New Draft of LD 1651: Report of the Majority.

The original bill (LD 1651) contained the recommendations of the Joint Standing Committee on State Government as a result of its study of the issue of legislative veto of agency rules. These recommendations were intended to strengthen the rule-making process, primarily by increased public and legislative notice of rule-making proceedings and through monitoring of agency compliance by the Secretary of State.

This New Draft (LD 2611) was the report of the Majority. It contains many of the recommendations from the bill. Sections 1 and 6 expanded the requirement that rule-making materials be written in plain and clear english understandable to the public.

Section 2 required each agency to designate a person to serve as a liaison between the agency and the general public, the Secretary of State, and the Attorney General with respect to rule making.

Section 3 required that agency statements addressing public comments on a proposed rule must contain a detailed explanation of the agency's response to those comments. This provision attempted to remedy the concerns expressed by some members of the public that some agencies currently do not provide sufficient information with regard to public comments on proposed rules.