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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES  
AUGUST 1989

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 for 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 abbreviated 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 Research Assistant Barbara McGinn, and secretaries: Charlene Brann, and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

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LD 492 An Act to Require Deposits on Liquor Bottles

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

MCGOWAN  
JACQUES  
MICHAUD  
ALLEN

LV/WD

SUMMARY

This bill includes all wine and spiritous liquor bottles under the Returnable Container Law. Bottles and cans holding beer or wine coolers are currently covered.

This bill also requires that the deposit for liquor containers, other than beer, wine and wine coolers, be at least 20¢.

LD 506 An Act to Inform Consumers of Credit Rating Information

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

BELL  
ADAMS  
MARSTON  
GRAHAM

LV/WD

SUMMARY

The bill requires annual disclosure to consumers of the information in their files at any credit reporting agency.

LD 531 An Act to Clarify the Obligations of Distributors of Beverage Containers

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

CLARK N  
STEVENS A

LV/WD

SUMMARY

In spite of its title, the purpose of this bill is to repeal the 2¢ handling fee required by Maine's returnable bottle bill.

**LD 533** An Act Concerning Crash Parts Used to Repair Damaged Motor Vehicles

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

BALDACCI  
JACKSON

LV/WD

SUMMARY

This bill requires motor vehicle insurers and repairers to identify clearly in any written estimate concerning the repair of the exterior sheet metal or plastic parts of a damaged motor vehicle, each major replacement part to be used that is not made by the vehicle's original manufacturer. The bill also requires that a printed notice stating that the estimate is partly based on use of replacement

parts not made by the original manufacturer be attached to the estimate and that a copy of both be given to the person requesting the estimate.

This bill also makes any violation of the notice requirement by an insurer an unfair insurance claims practice, and by a repairer, an unfair trade practice.

**LD 543      An Act to Amend the Law on Beverage Container Redemption      LV/WD**

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
ALLEN LORD GRAHAM	LV/WD	

SUMMARY

This bill phases in additional containers that must be returnable. Except for cardboard containers, by January 1, 1990 all single-serving beverage containers, by January 1, 1991 all juice containers and by January 1, 1992 all spirits and wine containers must be returnable for a refund.

**LD 548      An Act to Increase Handling Fees on Beverage Containers      LV/WD**

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
ALLEN BRANNIGAN GRAHAM GURNEY	LV/WD	

SUMMARY

This bill increases the handling fee for returnable beverage containers from 2¢ to 4¢ a container.

**LD 563      An Act to Amend the Occupational License Disqualification Law      PUBLIC 84**

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
KANY JOSEPH BALDACCI GAUVREAU	OTP-AM	S-38

SUMMARY

This bill amends the occupational license disqualification law by:

1. Allowing the appropriate licensing agency to consider criminal history information not only from Maine but from other states in determining eligibility for granting a license, registration or permit;
2. Allowing a licensing agency to use criminal history information on convictions which involve minor sexual misconduct offenses by an applicant or licensee of certain health-related boards in connection with an application or reapplication for license;