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JULY 1989**

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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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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**

SPONSOR(S)

ALLEN  
LORD  
GRAHAM

COMMITTEE REPORT

LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

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**

SPONSOR(S)

ALLEN  
BRANNIGAN  
GRAHAM  
GURNEY

COMMITTEE REPORT

LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

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**

SPONSOR(S)

KANY  
JOSEPH  
BALDACCI  
GAUVREAU

COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

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;