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**STATE OF MAINE  
114TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**



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ON  
BUSINESS LEGISLATION  
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.

Please give us your suggestions and comments on these summaries and tell us of any inaccuracies.

7. The negligence standard for disciplinary action to be taken by either the Commissioner of Public Safety or Administrative Court has been restated as simple negligence, not "gross negligence."

Senate Amendment "A" adds a sprinkler fitter to the Fire Sprinkler Advisory Council and eliminates one of the 3 sprinkler contractors.

LD 568      An Act to Amend the Law Relating to Automobile Leases

LV/WD

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BALDACCI  
JACKSON  
EMERSON

COMMITTEE REPORT

LV/WDF

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill amends the definition of retail sale to clarify that consumers who lease vehicles will not have to pay the cost of sales tax in the lease as an up front cost, but rather may pay a use tax on a monthly basis through the effective life of the lease.

This bill was rereferred to the Taxation Committee.

**LD 586**      An Act to Regulate Charges for Liquid Propane

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)

JACQUES

COMMITTEE REPORT

LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill prohibits dealers of liquid propane from establishing minimum annual fees for the use of their equipment.

LD 587      An Act to Allow Sunday Retail Sales from Memorial Day to  
Labor Day

LV/WD

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DUFFY  
KETOVER

COMMITTEE REPORT

LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

The purpose of this bill is to expand the number of Sundays on which retail stores, regardless of size or number of employees, may do business. The bill allows retail stores to remain open on Sundays from Memorial Day to Labor Day, in addition to those winter Sundays on which they may currently remain open, in municipalities or unorganized places which vote to allow them to do so. The procedures for conduct of this local option election are those outlined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 28-A, sections 121 to 124, which deal with local option elections on sales of alcoholic beverages on Sundays. The bill allows stores which may be open during this summer period to operate between noon and 5 p.m. as under current law. The bill does not otherwise affect the types of businesses subject to Sunday closing laws. The bill disallows contractual terms which require retail store owners to remain open on these summer Sundays under certain circumstances.