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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.

LD 599 An Act Regulating the Sale of Grave Markers by Funeral Establishments

PUBLIC 391

SPONSOR(S)

HUSSEY
CLARK H
GOULD R A

COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-241
S-224 BALDACCI

SUMMARY

This bill prohibits persons licensed to provide funeral services from selling grave stones or markers.

Committee Amendment "A" requires that whenever funeral establishments sell grave markers they adhere to the pricing disclosures required by the Federal Trade Commission in its "Funeral Industry Practices" which requires that the marker be included in the list of goods and services provided to the consumer and requires that the consumer be told that purchase of the marker is optional.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" clarifies that the Federal Trade Commission sale requirements do not apply to the sale of grave markers when the sale, or offer to sell, is made after the funeral has been completed.

LD 624 An Act to Make Surveyors Liable for Their Surveying Errors

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)

MITCHELL
CLARK N

COMMITTEE REPORT

LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

The practice of land surveying is regulated by a state board and surveyors are required to be registered based on certain standards of education and experience. The board may revoke this registration based on fraud, negligence or incompetence. This bill allows the board to find a surveyor guilty of a civil violation for these infractions and impose a penalty of 3 times the damage caused by the surveyor's action. The bill also changes the composition of the board from 5 surveyors and one member of the public to 3 surveyors and 4 members of the public.

LD 634 An Act to Authorize the Board of Accountancy to Establish Quality Review as a Condition to Practicing Public Accountancy

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)

ERWIN P
BALDACCI
WHITMORE
GURNEY

COMMITTEE REPORT

LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill authorizes the Board of Accountancy to promulgate rules requiring quality reviews as a condition to obtaining permits or renewals of permits to practice public accountancy in the State.

