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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:

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| 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 1003 An Act Regarding the Handling Fee for Returnable Beverage Containers

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)

FARREN
JOSEPH
PERKINS
CURRAN

COMMITTEE REPORT

LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This law would increase the handling fee for returnable beverage containers from 2¢ to 3¢ per returned container.

LD 1016 An Act to Allow All Candidates for an Electrician's License to Take the Examination Immediately Upon Completing Their Education

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)

TWITCHELL
JACKSON
WALKER

COMMITTEE REPORT

LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

Currently, persons who graduated from a vocational-technical institute program or are registered with the Apprenticeship and Training Council and have completed 576 hours of study approved by the Electricians' Examining Board may immediately take the examination required to be a licensed electrician and complete the experience requirement for being licensed after taking the exam. This bill gives the same privileges to any person completing the 576 hours or any person who graduated from a high school 2-year electrical program. The latter 2 groups currently must have obtained the experience required for licensure before they may take the license exam.

LD 1044 An Act to Amend the Notice Requirement of Car Repair Facilities

PUBLIC 260

SPONSOR(S)

BRANNIGAN
GURNEY

COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

S-130

SUMMARY

This bill requires that auto repair facilities indicate to customers as part of their invoice whether they are being charged an hourly labor rate or a flat rate and what the hourly rate is. "Flat rate" means any method of calculating charges for labor that is not based upon the amount of time actually spent repairing a motor vehicle. This bill also clarifies that a repair facility cannot charge for diagnosing a repair covered under a warranty agreement or service contract unless that warranty or service contract specifically permits these charges.

Committee Amendment "A" makes some changes in the notice that the repair firms are required to post concerning how charges are computed. The amendment also removes the provisions in the bill concerning written invoices and diagnostic repairs.