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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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AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

Present law exempts retail stores from having to close on Sundays and holidays if they have less than 5 employees or no more than 5,000 square feet of interior customer selling space. This bill expands the exemption to retail stores of all sizes by giving all retail stores the option to remain open if they so choose.

Committee Amendment "A" allows large retail stores to be open any Sunday between the hours of noon and 5 p.m.

LD 1201 An Act to Add Consistency to the Retail Sales Law

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COMMITTEE REPORT  
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

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LD 1250 An Act Relating to Licensing of State Social Workers

PUBLIC 296  
EMERGENCY

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COMMITTEE REPORT  
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
S-178

SUMMARY

The social worker licensing law requires as a condition of licensure that social workers be supervised for a specified period by an individual holding a masters degree in social work. This bill requires the State to provide to State social workers the necessary supervision, and assistance in meeting other license requirements. The bill further extends by 2 years the period within which experienced social workers can apply for licensure without examination, if their failure to apply for a license was due to a misunderstanding of the law.

Committee Amendment "A" limits the responsibility of state agencies to their social worker employees to providing supervision. It limits further educational and examination grandfathering of social workers to those employed by the State and requires that they were so employed as of the termination of the previous grandfathering provision. It makes this provision retroactive in order to cover the period between the termination of the previous provision and the enactment of this provision.