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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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25% of the overtime paid to the officer in training and the full amount of overtime paid to persons filling in for the officer in training.

Committee Amendment "A" replaces the bill and allows a municipality to recover the full cost of uniforms furnished to the officer in training and the base salary paid to officers newly hired or working overtime to fill in for the officer in training.

LD 1582 An Act Regarding Qualifications of Sheriffs

LV/WD

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COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

MAYO  
MELENDY  
PAUL  
BUSTIN

LV/WD

SUMMARY

This bill establishes eligibility requirements for the constitutional office of sheriff. Those requirements include U.S. citizenship, a high school education, law enforcement experience, and no record of a felony conviction. Office holders in office on January 1, 1990, are grandfathered.

LD 1605 An Act to Provide for Appeal of Certain Decisions of Counselors Employed by the Driver Education Evaluation Program

OTP-AM

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COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

HUSSEY  
KANY  
CONLEY  
PRAY

OTP-AM

H-554

SUMMARY

This bill requires counselors to approve and recommend restoration of drivers' licenses within 6 months for individuals convicted of OUI who have completed the applicable course provided by law.

Committee Amendment "A" replaces the bill. The amendment allows a DEEP client who has satisfied criteria listed in the amendment to appeal a counselor's decision not to certify that the client has completed treatment or not to recommend that the client be issued a work restricted license without first obtaining a 2nd counselor's opinion, if the client has actively participated in a prescribed course of treatment for 6 consecutive months within the year preceding the appeal. The amendment also appropriates funds to enable DEEP to compensate counselors who travel to meet with clients in Maine's more remote areas.