

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ON  
BUSINESS LEGISLATION**

**JULY 1989**

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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
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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.

Dr. Webb had been told, initially, that he was eligible for the examination. He failed the exam and when he next applied he was told that his credentials were not sufficient and that he should not have been allowed to take the examination initially.

**LD 1688 An Act to Amend Maine's Unclaimed Property Act**

**PUBLIC 369**

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
BALDACCI	OTP	
BRANNIGAN		
ALLEN		

SUMMARY

This bill provides authority to the administrator (State Treasurer) to deal with tangible property valued at \$1,000 or over. Currently, the law makes no provision for tangible property of \$1,000 or over and no authority exists in the current law for its disposition. These changes give the authority to the administrator to either conduct the auction or authorize the landlord to hold an auction, provided the landlord was granted authority in writing by the administrator. The auctions will be held in conformity with the provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 33, section 1818, subsection 3.

**LD 1704 An Act to Amend the Definition of Labels in the Beverage Container Deposit Law**

**PUBLIC 427**

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
WHITMORE	OTP-AM	S-246
ALLEN		
BALDACCI		
TELOW		

SUMMARY

This bill requires that beverage containers coming into this State have the word "Maine" or the abbreviation "ME" on the container along with their refund value. The bill also repeals a transition provision which states that glass containers with a refund value of not less than 5¢ as of January 1, 1978 and having a brand name permanently marked were not required to have the refund value indicated on them.

Committee Amendment "A" continues the exemption of permanently marked glass containers from the labeling provisions of Maine's refundable beverage container law.

**LD 1710 An Act Amending the Licensure Requirements for Plumbers**

**CARRY OVER**

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
BALDACCI		
WHITMORE		
GURNEY		
STEVENS A		

SUMMARY

This bill defines the word "apprentice", increases by one year the experience requirement to sit for a journeyman examination, and describes the employment and supervision requirements of journeyman plumbers.