

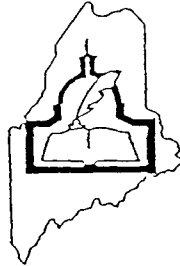
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**One Hundred and Fourteenth Legislature
Second Regular Session**

**Joint Standing Committee
Bill Summaries**

June 1990

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. Committee Reports and Floor Action are abbreviated as follows:

OTP
OTP-ND
OTP-ND-NT
OTP-A
ONTP
LVWD
INDEF PP

Ought to Pass
Ought to Pass in New Draft
Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
Ought to Pass as Amended
Ought Not to Pass
Leave to Withdraw
Indefinitely Postponed

Each individual summary was prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including secretaries: Charlene Raymond, 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.

5. Current law requires a master's degree in counseling or an allied mental health field, plus various supervision and experience requirements for licensure. This amendment makes persons who currently have those degrees or degrees in behavioral or social science or divinity and, who have practiced in 2 of the last 5 years prior to June 1, 1990, eligible for licensure and to take the required written examination.

6. The amendment adds a requirement for a Commission to develop, for the next legislative session, legislation which is to specify qualifications for licensure for those counselors who do not qualify for licensure under current law. The Commission is to consist of 2 legislators, 1 appointee from the two categories of counselors involved in the issue and the Director of the Division of Licensing and Enforcement as a non-voting member. Staffing is to be provided by the Legislative Council. Legislators are to receive per diem. Other members receive no expenses. Findings will be presented informally to the Committee on Business Legislation. No licenses may be issued until the legislation has been submitted.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" removes the study commission. It also, inadvertently, removes the statement of legislative intent and the section that states the Committee does not feel that a "sunrise" report to the Legislature is required.

**LD 1964 An Act to Amend the Educational Qualifications for Licensure
as a Social Worker**

PUBLIC 682

SPONSOR(S)
MARSANO

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-794

SUMMARY

Currently a bachelor's degree in social work or social welfare is necessary to be licensed as a social worker. The Board of Social Worker Licensure may by rule stipulate whether and how additional areas of study may qualify. This bill added a degree in sociology to the degrees which qualify for a social worker license.

Committee Amendment "A" adds any related degree but requires that it have been granted by an institution prior to that institution's offering a program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

LD 1967 An Act Concerning Contact Lenses

ONTP-MAJ REP

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COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP MAJ
OTP-AM MIN

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill requires that optometrists provide patients with a copy of their contact lens prescriptions.

Committee Amendment "A" uses the more accurate term "specifications," rather than the term "prescriptions." It also requires an optometrist to provide specifications only when the fitting process is complete and requires the person providing the lenses to notify the optometrist issuing them. The amendment also extends these requirements to ophthalmologists. It limits those persons who may fill lens prescriptions to persons licensed to do so and organizations who employ either a pharmacist or an optician.