

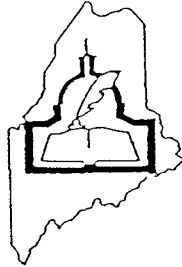
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**One Hundred and Fourteenth Legislature
Second Regular Session**

**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.

LD 1976 **An Act to Codify the Creation of the Bureau of Safety and
Change Its Name to the Bureau of Highway Safety**

PUBLIC 648

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BAILEY PARADIS P COLLINS HUSSEY	OTP	

SUMMARY

LD 1976 establishes the Bureau of Highway Safety within the Department of Public Safety. The Bureau is responsible for administering the State's highway safety program and is authorized to collect data on highway safety programs and to assist other state and local agencies on highway safety programs.

LD 2005 **An Act to Unencumber Funds for the Piscataquis County Jail**

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MERRILL GOULD R A HUSSEY PRAY	ONTP	

SUMMARY

LD 2005 proposed to allow Piscataquis County to use all of the funds in the County Correctional Account for the general support of state prisoners who serve their sentences in the Piscataquis County Jail.

LD 2044 **RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of
Maine to Provide Property Tax Relief for Marine-related
Industries**

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
HOLLOWAY MAYO FOSTER SWAZEY	ONTP	

SUMMARY

LD 2044 proposed to amend the Constitution of Maine to authorize the Legislature to allow the current use valuation of waterfront property used exclusively for marine-related industries. The Maine Constitution allows current use valuation of farm and agricultural lands, timberlands and woodlands, recreational open space and lands used for game management or wildlife sanctuary.

Although the Committee supported the concept of property tax relief for commercial fishermen, several substantive taxation issues prevented the Committee from reaching consensus on LD 2044. These included:

1. A concern that the definition of the type of property affected by the bill was too broad, and that a more closely written definition was needed;
2. A concern that the impact of the bill on the local property tax bases of coastal Maine communities was essentially unknown. The Committee felt that those costs could be substantial and that they should be estimated beforehand; and

3. A concern that alternative methods for providing property tax relief to commercial fishermen were not available for consideration, and that the costs and the possible mechanisms for State reimbursement of forgone local property tax revenues were not developed.

LD 2046 An Act to Clarify the Rule-making Authority of the Maine Historic Preservation Commission PUBLIC 647

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
LUDWIG BOST AULT CROWLEY	OTP-AM	S-491

SUMMARY

LD 2046 originally granted rulemaking authority to the Maine Historic Preservation Commission. The Director of the Maine Historic Preservation Commission and the Maine Historic Preservation Officer presently have authority to adopt rules.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-491) to LD 2046 required that all rules adopted by the Historic Preservation Commission, the Director of Maine Historic Preservation Commission or the Maine Historic Preservation Officer be adopted pursuant to the Maine Administrative Procedures Act.

**LD 2061 An Act to Make Corrections in the Governmental Ethics Law PUBLIC 608
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
GWADOSKY	OTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	H-774 GWADOSKY

SUMMARY

LD 2061 made several changes to the income disclosure laws governing legislators and executive employees. The LD required all self-employed legislators to list their sources of self-employed income; prior law required disclosure only when the legislator was solely self-employed. Such disclosure is required for any source responsible for the greater of 10% of the official's income or \$1,000. The LD added a \$1,000 threshold requirement concerning the disclosure of each source of income to family members of a public official. The LD also proposed to limit the requirement that officials report any unsecured loans over \$3,000 by exempting bank loans and credit card liabilities.

House Amendment "B" (H-744) deleted the proposed exemptions from the reporting of unsecured loans.

**LD 2071 An Act to Authorize Maine School Administrative District Number 61 to Enter into a Land Exchange with S. D. Warren Company P & S 105
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
TWITCHELL JACKSON	OTP-AM	S-493

SUMMARY

LD 2071 authorized Maine School Administrative District 61 to enter into a land exchange with the S.D. Warren Company for the purpose of acquiring the site for a proposed school bus garage and maintenance facility.