

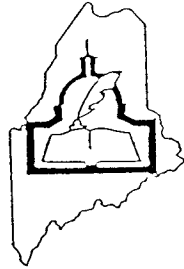
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**One Hundred and Fourteenth Legislature
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**Joint Standing Committee
Bill Summaries**

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 1954 **Resolve, Authorizing Douglas Wright to Bring a Civil Action against the State for Damages He Sustained As a Result of the Investigation, Prosecution and Trial for Unlawful Sexual Contact** **LV/WD**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
WHITCOMB ROLDE PERKINS BALDACCI	LV/WD	

SUMMARY

This resolve authorizes Douglas Wright to bring a civil action against the State, its agencies and employees for the alleged negligent investigation of, and prosecution of charges for unlawful sexual contact. Mr. Wright was acquitted of unlawful sexual contact on October 5, 1989.

LD 1958 **An Act to Remove Notarization from the Voter Registration Application Process** **PUBLIC 694**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
GAUVREAU BUSTIN JOSEPH	OTP-AM	S-522

SUMMARY

This bill removes the requirement that a voter registration application submitted to a registrar of voters be notarized.

Committee Amendment "A" provides that those who register to vote, within or without the United States, sign a sworn statement that all information on the form is correct.

LD 2062 **An Act Establishing the Rights and Obligations of Tenants Who Pay for Their Own Heating Oil** **LV/WD**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
ADAMS PLOURDE BELL	LV/WD	

SUMMARY

This bill allows a tenant to recover the cost of heating oil remaining at the leased premises when the tenant vacates.

LD 2065 **An Act Concerning Warranty Rights of Mobile Home Owners** **PUBLIC 690**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
PRIEST	OTP-AM	H-797

SUMMARY

This bill, a unanimous final recommendation of the Commission on Manufactured Housing established by P&S 1987 c. 139, allows the Manufactured Housing Board to petition the Attorney General to bring a legal

action in Superior Court to enjoin the sale of mobile homes that pose a threat to public health or safety or if the dealer or manufacturer offering the homes for sale has failed to comply with the State's new mobile home warranty law.

Committee Amendment "A" clarifies language in the bill.

LD 2076 **An Act to Clarify Mobile Home Tenants' Rights (Reported Pursuant to P & S Law 1987, chapter 139)** **PUBLIC 662**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
	OTP-AM	H-776

SUMMARY

This bill, a unanimous final recommendation of the Commission on Manufactured Housing established by P&S 1987 c. 139, clarifies that mobile home park tenants are entitled to one year's written notice prior to eviction necessitated by renovation or reconstruction of the park and 30 days' written notice in cases of temporary eviction unless eviction is immediately necessary to correct a problem threatening residents' health or safety. The bill requires the park's owner to bear the cost of temporary relocation unless the tenant agrees otherwise in a signed writing separate from the lease.

Committee Amendment "A" allows a mobile home park owner to give a tenant only 6 months' written notice of a permanent eviction occasioned by renovation or reconstruction if the owner has found a reasonable alternative location for the tenant.

LD 2077 **An Act to Provide Warranties for Manufactured Housing Purchased from Out-of-state Dealers (Reported Pursuant to P & S Law 1987, chapter 139)** **PUBLIC 805**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
	OTP-AM	H-877 H-957 PRIEST

SUMMARY

This bill, a unanimous final recommendation of the Commission on Manufactured Housing established by P&S 1987 c. 139, expands the scope of Maine's new mobile home warranty to include out-of-state dealers who sell homes foreseeably bound for installation in Maine, as well as the installers and transporters that handle those homes. The bill also requires the Manufactured Housing Commission to study the feasibility of licensing out-of-state dealers.

Committee Amendment "A" replaces the bill's provisions regarding application of the new mobile home warranty with a new section on application of the law and a redefinition of the term "dealer" used in Title 10 MRSA c. 213.

House Amendment "A" replaces the definition of "dealer" added by Committee Amendment "A" with a new definition.