

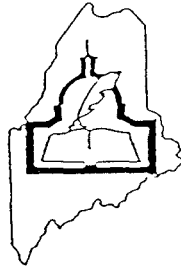
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**One Hundred and Fourteenth Legislature  
Second Regular Session**

**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 2127      An Act to Amend the Maine Human Rights Act with Regard to  
Housing Discrimination on the Basis of Handicap**

**PUBLIC 779**

**SPONSOR(S)**

FARNSWORTH  
BUSTIN  
GWADOSKY  
CLARK N

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

H-868  
S-580    DUTREMBLE D

**SUMMARY**

LD 2127 makes the Maine law consistent with that portion of the Federal Fair Housing Act regarding accessibility construction requirements that are effective March 13, 1991. The bill makes it unlawful for landlords to prohibit tenants from modifying their premises in accordance with the handicapped accessibility standards set forth in this act.

Committee amendment "A" (H-868) adds language necessary to make the law consistent with federal law, makes technical changes to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 4582-B and adds a fiscal note.

Senate amendment "A" (S-580) to committee amendment "A" makes the language of the applicability section consistent with federal law.

**LD 2170      An Act to Continue the Effort to Preserve and Promote  
Affordable Housing and Economic Opportunities for Maine  
People (Reported Pursuant to a Study Authorized by the  
Legislative Council)**

**PUBLIC 914  
EMERGENCY**

**SPONSOR(S)**

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

H-931  
H-953    NADEAU G G

**SUMMARY**

LD 2170 takes a number of steps to preserve and promote economic opportunities and affordable housing. The bill creates a 15-member Commission on Investment and Capital to undertake a comprehensive evaluation of the capital investment needs of the State and to report its findings to the Governor and the Legislature by July 1st following each First Regular Session. The bill increases the Maine State Housing Authority's (MSHA) total outstanding secured bonding authority. MSHA is required to assess the availability and quality of data on the housing stock in Maine and report to the Governor and Legislature by March 1, 1991. The bill requires the Department of Administration, through the Bureau of Public Improvements, to offer MSHA the option to purchase any state-owned surplus land before it can be offered for sale to any other buyer.

Committee amendment "A" (H-931) expands the membership of the commission and revises the language regarding MSHA's first option to purchase state-owned surplus land. This amendment also adds an emergency preamble, an emergency clause and a fiscal note.

House amendment "A" (H-953) to the committee amendment expands the definition of "local development corporation" to include a nonprofit organization applying for financial assistance for a community industrial building project, as long as the application is endorsed by a vote of the governing body of the municipality in which the project is to be located.