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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

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GURNEY**COMMITTEE REPORT**

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTEDH-892 ALLEN
S-518**SUMMARY**

The purpose of this bill is to require that prior notice is given to the Attorney General whenever a gas station is purchased.

Committee Amendment "A" narrows the scope of the bill so that it applies only to:

1. Purchases of at least a substantial portion of the business; and
2. Businesses that sell motor vehicle fuel.

All records are made confidential and violation of statute is evidence of an unfair trade practice.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" clarifies the committee amendment and makes a violation a civil offense.

SPONSOR(S)GWADOSKY
MATTHEWS
GURNEY
SHELTRA**COMMITTEE REPORT**OTP MAJ
ONTP MIN**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED****SUMMARY**

Currently, wholesalers of food and other supplies to restaurants and hotels are not protected by the bulk transfer provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code. Accordingly, hotel and restaurant owners are not required to notify wholesalers of the sale of their businesses. This bill includes hotels and restaurants under the bulk transfer provisions.

SPONSOR(S)ALLEN
HOGLUND
JACQUES
WHITMORE**COMMITTEE REPORT**

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-933

SUMMARY

This bill establishes that, as a condition of requiring a security deposit, liquid propane dealers be required to return the deposit plus interest.

Committee Amendment "A" clarifies that, if the customer owes the seller an outstanding balance at the time any deposit is due for return, the outstanding balance may be credited against the deposit prior to the seller returning it to the customer. The amendment makes violation of the provisions of the bill a civil offense with a maximum penalty of \$500.