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

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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	Ought to Pass
OTP-ND	Ought to Pass in New Draft
OTP-ND-NT	Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
OTP-A	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	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.

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SPONSOR(S)**COMMITTEE REPORT****AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

OTP-AM

S-641

SUMMARY

The original bill requires licensing of all real estate appraisers and sets qualifications for those appraisers who wish to be certified in order that they may do federally related appraisals.

Committee Amendment "A":

1. Exempts oral appraisals from the requirement for licensure;
2. Exempts salaried employees of real estate owners from the definition of appraisers;
3. Exempts persons licensed as real estate brokers from the provisions of the bill except when the appraisals are federally related, and requires a disclosure clause on market price opinions given by licensed real estate agents;
4. Clarifies that appraisals given for a fee require licensure;
5. Clarifies that review appraisers and appraisal administrators are required to be licensed;
6. Changes from 30 to 20 the number of hours of continuing education required for license renewal in a 2-year period;
7. Adds the term "other groups" to the list of institutions that can provide the courses of study required for licensure and states that these courses of study must be consistent with and equivalent to standards set by the appraisal foundation rather than approved by the foundation;
8. Requires the Board of Real Estate Appraisers to report on complaints made about appraisals by real estate agents who are not licensed appraisers;
9. Requires the board to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Business Legislation on the accessibility in all areas of the State of the classroom work and courses required for licensure and renewal; and
10. Indicates in an unallocated section that licensure is required as of January 1, 1991. The original bill in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, section 13964 requires licensure when the Act is approved, while Title 32, section 13969, subsection 1 specifies a date of January 1, 1991. This amendment removes Title 32, section 13969, subsection 1 from the bill and amends section 13964.

LD 2371 An Act to Amend the Sunday Sales Law**ONTP****SPONSOR(S)****COMMITTEE REPORT****AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

ONTP

SUMMARY

Although there are numerous exceptions, under current law retail stores of more than 5 employees or more than 5,000 sq. ft. must be closed Sundays and 6 other holidays, except that they may be open from noon to 5 p.m. during the period from Thanksgiving to Christmas.

This bill exempts stores with more than 5,000 sq. ft. from the restriction against Sunday openings, but leaves the restriction against opening Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas.