

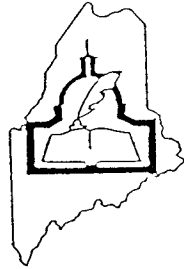
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**One Hundred and Fourteenth Legislature
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**Joint Standing Committee
Bill Summaries**

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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SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MARTIN J BRANNIGAN DILLENBACK MARSH	OTP-AM	H-1030 S-733 PEARSON

SUMMARY

This bill, the product of the Speaker's Select Commission on Gun Laws organized in 1989, makes a number of changes to laws regulating possession of firearms, including:

creation of a Class D crime for possession of a firearm in a drinking establishment in violation of the posted prohibition;
changes in the concealed firearms permit application and the eligibility standards for that permit;
a requirement that concealed firearms permit applicants demonstrate a knowledge of handgun safety; and
provisions regarding suspension of the concealed firearm permit of those convicted of OUI.

Committee Amendment "A" clarifies that the crime of possession of a firearm in violation of a posted prohibition applies only in establishments licensed to serve liquor for consumption on the premises; extends the deadline for preparation of a firearms safety course for public schools to January 1, 1991; and grandfatheres those who hold a concealed firearms permit as of April 15, 1990, from the duty, imposed on new applicants, to demonstrate knowledge of handgun safety.

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
PRIEST JALBERT MATTHEWS TUPPER	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-951 MAJ REP S-604 MATTHEWS

SUMMARY

This bill makes possession of more than 4 quarts of spirits not labelled in accordance with the State's bottle bill prima facie evidence of illegal importation or transportation of spirits.

Committee Amendment "A" makes possession of 8 quarts of spirits, 6 gallons of malt liquor or 8 quarts of wine not labelled in accordance with the bottle bill prima facie evidence of illegal transportation or importation.

Senate Amendment "A" amends the bottle bill to ensure that containers of spirits, malt liquor and wine are labelled in a manner that permits enforcement of the law regarding illegal importation or transportation.