

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE  
115TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
AND  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
BUSINESS LEGISLATION**

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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
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BILL SUMMARIES  
AUGUST 1991**

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 volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries.

All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H - 584 or S - 222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

<b>PUBLIC XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<b>P&amp;S XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<b>RESOLVE XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<b>CON RES XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<b>EMERGENCY</b>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<b>CARRIED OVER</b>	<i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>
<b>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</b>	<i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<b>ONTP</b>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<b>LVWD</b>	<i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>
<b>INDEF PP</b>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<b>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</b>	<i>House &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<b>VETO SUSTAINED</b>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
<b>UNSIGNED</b>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<b>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</b>	<i>Action incomplete when 1st session ended</i>

These summaries were 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.

If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

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**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-134

**SUMMARY**

This bill prohibits the operation between the hours of 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. of a business open to the public unless at least 2 employees are on the premises.

Committee Amendment "A" only applies to convenience stores that are open 24 hours a day. It requires that they have a drop safe, maintain no more than \$50 in accessible cash and have a sign posted indicating that these 2 provisions are in effect.

**LD 244      An Act to Amend the Laws Affecting Permits to Practice  
Public Accountancy**

**LV/WD**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
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**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
LV/WD

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

Currently, for a firm to be permitted to practice accounting, all partners, officers and shareholders must have individual permits to practice. This bill exempts partners, officers and shareholders who do not perform accounting or auditing services from this requirement.

**LD 248      An Act to Prohibit Insurance Companies From Referring  
Clients Directly to Particular Glass Companies**

**ONTP**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
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**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill prohibits insurers and their agents and employees from recommending or suggesting specific auto glass companies for appraisals and repairs. They currently may not require use of a specific repair company.

**LD 265      An Act Regarding Emergency Medical Services Personnel**

**ONTP  
EMERGENCY**

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**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

The bill preserves 3 classifications of licensed emergency personnel which the Emergency Medical Services' Board has considered abolishing by rule.