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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
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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 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.

**An Act to Require the State to Pay Municipal Permit Fees for New Construction or Improvements to State-owned Buildings**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BUSTIN	ONTP MAJ	S-117 MIN REP
PARADIS P	OTP-AM MIN	
DAGGETT		
MAYO		

**SUMMARY**

This bill eliminated the State's exemption from paying municipal building fees when obtaining permits for construction projects and public improvements to state-owned or leased buildings.

Committee Amendment "A" added a fiscal note.

**LD 594 An Act to Share Proportionately the Public Safety Costs for the Capitol Area****CARRIED OVER**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
DAGGETT	OTP-AM (MAJ)	H-228 MAJ REP
BUSTIN	(MIN)	H-345 DAGGETT
PARADIS P		
LIPMAN		

**SUMMARY**

The bill required the State to reimburse the City of Augusta for a proportional share of the expense of providing public safety services to the Capitol Area. LDs 684 and 898 also provided for state reimbursement of some city costs and the amended version of this bill was intended by the committee to address the global issue of state reimbursement for city services.

Committee Amendment "A" modified the formula in the following ways:

1. Public safety expense was replaced by net public safety expense. The total actual public safety costs in the original formula were reduced by the amount of any fees collected for those services;
2. The net public safety expense submitted by the City of Augusta had to be reviewed, certified as appropriate and authorized by the Bureau of Public Improvements; and
3. The proportional share was limited to the value of the assigned risk assessment of state-owned, tax-exempt buildings in the Capitol Area.

Further, Committee Amendment "A" placed a cap of 10% of the amount determined through the formula on the sum of the reimbursement and established an effective date of July 1, 1992. The amendment also added an appropriation section and a fiscal note.

House Amendment "A" provided that the authorization and reimbursement were discretionary, struck the appropriation section and added a new fiscal note.