

# 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  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
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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.

**LD 737**

**An Act to Remove the Sunset Provision of the Journeyman-in-training Electrician's Licensure Laws**

**ONTP  
EMERGENCY**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
COLLINS  
NORTON  
MELENDY

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

The law creating the journeyman-in-training level for electricians, including a sunset provision, was a result of a recommendation by the Audit & Program Review Committee in 1986. At that time, it dealt only with Vo-Tech graduates. The provision for the Department of Corrections was made in 1989. At the time the law was passed, a person wishing an electrician or to be an electrician had a choice of a journeyman requiring 4,000 hours of experience and being employed by a master electrician or a helper/apprentice with no experience requirement and working under the direct supervision of a journeyman or master. An electrician JIT isn't required to work under the direct supervision of a supervisor. The purpose of this law appears to have been to create a level between helper and the journeyman in order to make electricians more available and provide a higher salary for electricians on their way up.

This bill ensures continuance without interruption of the journeyman-in-training level of licensure.

**LD 853 An Act to Amend the Maine Lemon Law**

**PUBLIC 64**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
BRANNIGAN  
RYDELL  
GURNEY  
MATTHEWS

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

A consumer who has purchased a new automobile that by law is considered a "lemon" is entitled to receive either a replacement vehicle or a refund. This bill entitles the consumer to receive not only the return of the purchase price or, if a leased vehicle, the lease payments made to date, but also any finance charges paid by the consumer.

**LD 860 An Act to Amend the Warranty and Disclosure Requirements Applicable to Certain Sellers of Repossessed Vehicles**

**PUBLIC 62**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
MAYO  
STEVENS A  
CONLEY  
ERWIN

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

The 1989 amendments to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, chapter 217, make it clear that a financial institution that repossesses a motor vehicle in accordance with a note and security agreement and sells it to a consumer is subject to the requirements of the warranty and disclosure laws in that chapter. When a vehicle is repossessed, however, the financial institution often is unable to obtain information necessary to comply with the laws. The 1989 amendments recognize problems faced by the seller of a repossessed vehicle when the seller obtains that vehicle from the financial institution that repossessed it. The amendments do not, however, provide the same benefits to the financial institution that, instead