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**STATE OF MAINE
115TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
HUMAN RESOURCES**

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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
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:

PUBLIC XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
P&S XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
RESOLVE XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
CON RES XXX	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
EMERGENCY	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
CARRIED OVER	<i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	<i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
ONTP	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
LVWD	<i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>
INDEF PP	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
VETO SUSTAINED	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
UNSIGNED	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	<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 947**An Act to Support an Affordable Emergency Medical Services System****ONTP**

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COMMITTEE REPORT
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AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill provides funds to the Department of Human Services, Emergency Medical Services.

LD 956**An Act to Clarify the Misbranded Food Laws****PUBLIC 230**

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AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
 S-123 MAJ REP

SUMMARY

This bill clarifies that notice need only be made when monosodium glutamate is directly added in undiluted form to nonpackaged food or food products offered for consumption.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-123) was reported by a majority of the committee. It clarifies the intent of the original bill, which is to require labeling only when monosodium glutamate is added to food in its crystal form. The amendment also reduces the penalty provided in present law for violating the labeling requirement. See also LD 311.

LD 975**An Act to Provide Assistance to Mentally Ill Homeless Persons****ONTP**

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COMMITTEE REPORT
 ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill provides funds to the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation to support homeless shelters where people with mental illness reside.

LD 976**An Act to Increase the Fees for Marriage Licenses and Certificates of Birth, Marriage or Death****ONTP**

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COMMITTEE REPORT
 ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill increases the fee for marriage licenses from \$5 to \$10 each when 2 licenses are required. It also increases the fee for a certificate of birth, marriage or death from \$5 to \$10.