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**BILL SUMMARIES
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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:

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>

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

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BRAWN CARROLL J SKOGLUND	OTP-AM	H-765 CHONKO S-290

SUMMARY

This bill proposed several changes to the laws governing lobster fishing. The Class II license provision of crew assistance was proposed to be changed from 2 unlicensed crew members to one unlicensed crew member. A Class III license would have been added to permit crew assistance from 2 unlicensed crew members. Age restrictions for Class I licenses were proposed to be removed, and new license fees proposed at \$53 for Class I, \$106 for Class II and \$159 for Class III.

This bill also proposed a moratorium on the sale of licenses in 1992 and 1993 during which time only persons issued 1990 licenses would have been permitted to purchase licenses during the 2-year moratorium. A trap fee of 50¢ per trap was proposed and a trap limit program set up to reduce the number of traps that may be fished from 1,000 to 600 over a 4-year period.

The bill also proposed to establish a Commission to Study Entry into the Lobster Fishery for the purposes of reviewing the entry and exit of lobster harvesters in Maine's lobster fishery and to propose a license cap to manage the lobster fishing effort through the issuance of licenses.

Committee amendment A (S-290) replaced the bill. The amendment proposed to create a 13 member task force to study the lobster fishery.

House amendment B (H-765) replaced the Committee amendment and amended the budget bill (PL 1991, c. 591) by repealing the appropriation that would have funded the study.

LD 1049 An Act to Establish a Lobster Management Plan**LV/WD**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
FOSS	LV/WD	

SUMMARY

This bill proposed to establish an apprentice lobster and crab fishing license for persons who have not held a lobster and crab fishing license prior to December 31, 1991. The bill also proposed to establish a lobster management program that would have established limits on the number of traps that may be set per boat and per individual. The bill also proposed to establish a tagging system to implement the management program and to establish certain zones that would have been closed for certain specified periods each year to the setting of traps not logged with the Department of Marine Resources.

LD 1111 An Act Concerning Mooring Assignments**ONTP**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MANNING JOSEPH GRAY	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill proposed to allow the transfer of mooring assignments if there is no waiting list.