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**STATE OF MAINE
115TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES
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ON
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FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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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.

Initial registration is for one year. Subsequent reregistration is for 2 years. Registration fees are to be set by the board but are not to exceed \$125 a year. The board may refuse reregistration or suspend or revoke registration based on a number of grounds, including incompetence, violation of a board-developed code of ethics, failure to exercise diligence, negligence, misconduct and violation of building codes and ordinances.

This bill establishes the Board of Building Contractors to oversee contractor regulation. The board is to have its first meeting by November 10, 1991 and registration is required by October 1, 1992. The board is to make available educational materials for contractors and for consumers, including a bill of rights, procedures for dealing with contractors and a listing of registered contractors, including appropriate information from their registration forms.

LD 994 An Act to Amend the Maine Traveler Information Services Laws CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BUSTIN TWITCHELL		

SUMMARY

This bill requires that an applicant for an official business directional sign erect the sign at the applicant's expense. Current law requires only that the applicant furnish the sign. This bill also includes real estate signs alerting the traveler to the sale or lease of real property among those signs that may be erected and maintained without a license or permit.

LD 1007 An Act to Address Budgetary Concerns of the Maine Athletic Commission and to Deregulate Certain Aspects of the Sport of Wrestling PUBLIC 338 EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BAILEY H TAMMARO WEBSTER GURNEY	OTP-AM	H-314 H-338 SHELTRA

SUMMARY

This bill:

1. Changes the authority under which members of the Maine Athletic Commission are appointed from the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to the Governor;
2. Authorizes the Commission to establish a medical advisory committee to alleviate the problem of obtaining adequate medical staff for events and to provide medical advice to the Commission;
3. Allows the Commission to set fees for athletes and promoters;
4. Eliminates licensing requirements and fees for wrestling participants to reflect more adequately industry and event structure;
5. Revises the advance bond requirements to ensure tax payments by promoters; and