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115TH LEGISLATURE**

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AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES
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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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.

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Committee Amendment "A" (H-274) adds a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 1271 **An Act to Prohibit the Breaking of Glass Products in Games of Skill** **PUBLIC 251**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
TRACY	OTP-AM	H-246
MILLS		H-265 LAWRENCE
TUPPER		
LAWRENCE		

SUMMARY

The bill prohibits games of skill that involve the breaking of glass, and makes it a Class D crime to conduct a game of skill involving the breaking of glass.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-246) adds a fiscal note to the bill.

House Amendment "A" (H-265) reduces the level of the crime from Class D to Class E.

LD 1281 **Resolve, Authorizing Harvey and Rachel Desgrosseilliers to Sue the City of Auburn** **ONTP**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
GAUVREAU	ONTP	
COTE		
JALBERT		

SUMMARY

This resolve would have authorized Harvey and Rachel Desgrosseilliers to sue the City of Auburn for damages resulting from their reliance on representations allegedly made by officials of the City of Auburn concerning the applicability of a zoning ordinance.

LD 1293 **An Act to Clarify the Authority of Law Enforcement Officers to Release Certain Arrested Individuals on Their Personal Recognizance** **PUBLIC 521**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
ANTHONY	ONTP	
CONLEY		
PARADIS P		

SUMMARY

This bill makes clear that a law enforcement officer's authority to release individuals arrested for minor crimes on their personal recognizance and to take cash deposit when authorized by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12 (Inland Fisheries and Wildlife officers) is not limited to the place of arrest.