

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
AND
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 1279**An Act to Strengthen the Laws Relating to Junkyard Cleanups****ONTP**

SPONSOR(S)
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COMMITTEE REPORT
 ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill requires operators of automobile graveyards and junkyards to restore the premises to their natural condition within 90 days of the revocation or expiration of the permits issued for those yards. Failure to comply with this requirement is a civil violation, subject to a minimum penalty of \$100 per day and a maximum penalty of \$2500 per day.

LD 1291**An Act Concerning Outdoor Advertising****ONTP**

SPONSOR(S)
 GARLAND
 CLARK H

COMMITTEE REPORT
 ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

Under this bill, rotating, 4-sided signs at toll plazas and tourist information centers are permitted.

LD 1303**An Act to Prohibit Pawn Brokers from Imposing Unfair Interest Rates****ONTP**

SPONSOR(S)
 FARNSWORTH
 GURNEY
 GEAN

COMMITTEE REPORT
 ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill clarifies the meaning of a pawnbroker transaction to indicate that it includes transactions in which a good is sold with an agreement that it can be repurchased at a certain price within a certain time. It also limits interest rates charged by pawnbrokers to the same rates of interest as consumer loans.

LD 1308**An Act to Amend the Sunday Sales Laws****ONTP**

SPONSOR(S)
 HOGLUND
 RUHLIN

COMMITTEE REPORT
 ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill limits the hours of operation of retail stores of more than 5,000 square feet of selling space, which were recently exempted from the Sunday sales laws, to noon to 5:00 p.m. on Sundays.