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**STATE OF MAINE
115TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES
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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.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-193) adds a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 1342

**An Act to Eliminate Municipal Responsibility for Issuing
Concealed Weapon Permits**

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
MCCORMICK
SPEAR

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have transferred to the Chief of the State Police the municipal responsibility for issuing permits to state residents to carry concealed firearms. The Chief of the State Police would retain responsibility for issuing those permits to nonresidents. See also LD 1695.

LD 1344

An Act to Protect Children from Illegal Tobacco Sales

CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S)
CLARK N
PENDLETON

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill prohibits vending machine sales of cigarettes and establishes a mechanism for enforcement of the prohibition against tobacco sales to minors by requiring retailers of tobacco to obtain a retail tobacco sales license. The bill also establishes a store-based permitting system for employees who sell cigarettes. Failure to obey the law prohibiting tobacco sales to minors would result in penalties to the store clerk as well as to the owner. This bill would place enforcement authority in the Bureau of Liquor Enforcement, which would become the Bureau of Liquor and Tobacco Enforcement. The Administrative Court would have jurisdiction over violations of this law, paralleling the liquor laws. The bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session.

LD 1349

**An Act to Establish a Reward for Reports of Operating under
the Influence Offenses**

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
MARTIN J
PARADIS P

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have permitted the Attorney General to establish a reward program for information leading to conviction of offenders for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs and operating after license suspension.