

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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AND
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**BILL SUMMARIES
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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AND
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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.

LD 1486

An Act to Continue Authority for Seasonal Agency Liquor Stores

**PUBLIC 367
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)
MILLS
LAWRENCE

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
S-192

SUMMARY

This bill authorizes the State Liquor Commission to license up to 12 seasonal agency liquor stores. The licenses are 6-month licenses to operate liquor stores in tourist areas of the State. The commission's authority to license these stores was repealed January 15, 1991.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-192) reduces the number of stores authorized from 12 to 6 and adds a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 1521 An Act to Promote Efficient Enforcement and to Correct Inconsistencies in the Manufactured Housing Laws

**PUBLIC 391
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)
MURPHY
SHELTRA
RICH

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-473

SUMMARY

This bill makes the following changes in the laws regulating manufactured housing and mobile home parks:

1. Increases the number of members of the Manufactured Housing Board required for a quorum to reflect the board's increased membership;
2. Establishes \$200 as the maximum annual limit for licensing fees paid biennially by manufacturers, dealers and mechanics;
4. Specifies that each manufacturing plant selling homes in this State must hold a separate license;
5. Increases the license fee for dealers or mechanics with more than one business location from \$10 to \$50 annually;
6. Adds a \$50 fee in addition to the renewal fee for licenses renewed within 90 days of their expiration.
7. Specifies that the fee for each new unit applies to each dwelling unit;
8. Allows the board to assess charges for inspections to the manufacturer, dealer, distributor, broker or mechanic responsible for the need for an inspection, upon a determination of the party responsible for the problem. Under current law, the board could charge a consumer for an inspection even when the consumer is not responsible for the condition requiring the inspection;
9. Amends the definition of "mobile home park" to provide that a park exists when there are 3 or more units on a parcel of land or a total of 3 or more units on adjoining parcels;
10. Eliminates the definition of "sanitarian" because the definition no longer accurately reflects the responsibilities and activities of the board and its inspection process; and