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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES**

MAY 1992

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 far right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

PUBLIC XXX	Chapter # of enacted Public Law
P&S XXX	Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
RESOLVE XXX	Chapter # of enacted Resolve
CON RES XXX	Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
EMERGENCY	Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days
CARRIED OVER	Bill carried over to Special Session
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass report accepted
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw report accepted
INDEF PP	Bill Indefinitely Postponed
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	House and Senate disagree; bill died
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE	Committee of Conference formed but unable to agree
VETO SUSTAINED	Legislature filed to override Governor's Veto
UNSIGNED	Not signed by Governor within 10 days
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	Action incomplete when session ended; bill died

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If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

LD 1514

**An Act to Limit the Liability of Nonprofit Food Providers
Who Supply Meals and Other Food to Low-income and Homeless
Persons**

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)

OLIVER
GEAN
LAWRENCE
CONLEY

COMMITTEE REPORT

ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

The bill clarified and added specificity to current law providing immunity to persons who donate food or distribute donated food for charitable activities at little or no charge.

See also LD 2150.

LD 1550

**An Act to Amend the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Laws to
Clarify Land Use in Indian Territory**

ONTP

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CASHMAN
PEARSON

COMMITTEE REPORT

ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

The purpose of the bill was to amend the law to recognize that land ownership and land use are fundamentally different in the Penobscot Indian territory than in any other part of the State. The bill provided for greater flexibility in land use management than is currently provided for under state law. The bill also provided a mechanism addressing remedial solutions by the State and the Penobscot Nation. The bill further provided a mechanism for allowing the State certain review powers over Penobscot Indian territory. This review power is similar to that which is provided for hunting and trapping under the terms of the Act to Implement the Maine Indian Claims Settlement.

See LD 1776, Committee Amendment "A".

LD 1590

An Act to Establish the Maine Volunteer Service Act

ONTP

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MARTIN J
BUSTIN
CARROLL D

COMMITTEE REPORT

ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

The bill tracked the Model State Volunteer Service Act, December 1990, developed by the United States Department of Justice and was intended to serve the purposes outlined in the preamble to that Act. It provided immunity from suit for the acts and omissions of volunteers to nonprofit organizations, corporations or hospitals when acting within the scope of their official functions. Unlike the model act, volunteers to governmental entities were not covered as they are already granted immunity under the Maine Tort Claims Act. Suits against volunteers for motor vehicle accidents were excluded from the immunity up to the limits of applicable insurance coverage.