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**STATE OF MAINE
115TH LEGISLATURE**

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AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES
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ON
BUSINESS LEGISLATION**

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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.

**LD 1581 An Act to Improve the Administration of the Engineering
Registration Laws**

PUBLIC 442

SPONSOR(S)
BERUBE
JOSEPH

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
S-197

SUMMARY

This bill increases the limit on fees that are charged for licenses for engineers. The bill also requires the State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers to publicize a list of all individuals that are currently licensed with the board.

Committee Amendment "A" lowers the engineer's registration and reregistration fee limit in the bill from \$50 to \$40. The fee is currently \$25 for initial registration and \$15 for reregistration.

**LD 1589 An Act to Conform Chiropractic Licensing Laws to Other State
Regulatory Board Laws**

**PUBLIC 392
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)
KILKELLY
CAHILL P
REED W

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-484

SUMMARY

This bill accomplishes the following.

1. The bill correctly defines what is issued to chiropractors as a "license," not a "certificate," and changes similar references throughout the laws on chiropractors.
2. The bill makes practicing chiropractic without a license a Class E crime, consistent with the other laws relating to medical practice.
3. The bill increases the size of the Board of Chiropractic Examination and Registration by one public member and reduces the term of membership of new members to 3 years.
4. The bill amends current law concerning meetings, to allow the board more flexibility and corrects a number of gender-specific terms in the law.
5. The bill clarifies the notice provisions regarding complaint resolutions.
6. The bill changes the license renewal cycle to 2 years from one year in order to reduce the administrative work involved in processing.
7. The bill stipulates that application fees are not refundable.
8. The bill gives the board a new fee cap of \$300 for a biennial license.
9. The bill adds to the law language consistent with how renewals are processed by most state licensure boards. This process creates a 90-day grace period for licensees to renew by only paying a late fee and gives the board discretion concerning appropriate penalties and requirements for individuals requesting renewal more than 90 days after the expiration of their licenses.

10. The bill allows the board more flexibility in adopting continuing education requirements than exists in current law. This makes it easier for individuals to obtain continuing education in order to renew their licenses.

Committee Amendment "A" removes the concept of a fee limit and sets the fee at \$225 biennially.

LD 1605 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Warning Notices Posted by PUBLIC 450
Sellers of Firearms at Trade Shows

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CAHILL P PRAY JACQUES MARSH	OTP-AM	S-198

SUMMARY

This bill amends the law dealing with posting of warning signs where guns are sold so that the sign need be posted only at one main entrance when guns are sold at organized gun shows.

Committee Amendment "A" requires a sign at all entrances.

LD 1631 Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study the LV/WD
Feasibility of Using the Metric System EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BALDACCI	LV/WD	

SUMMARY

This resolve establishes the Commission to Study the Feasibility of Using the Metric System. The commission is to study to what extent the metric system affects business trade with foreign countries and make recommendations to enhance the State's trade with foreign countries by using the metric system.

LD 1655 An Act to Establish Licensure of Manufactured Housing ONTP
Installers EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MURPHY SHELTRA RICH MATTHEWS	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill requires that all manufactured housing units, new or used, must be installed by a person duly licensed by the Manufactured Housing Board to make these installations. Any party responsible for the installation of manufactured housing by an unlicensed installer is guilty of a Class E crime.