

MAINE STATE 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

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, 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 2186

An Act to Establish a Controlled Medication Program in the Harness Racing Industry

ONTP

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COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill directed the State Harness Racing Commission to establish a medication program permitting the use of specified drugs and medicines for the therapeutic treatment of race horses. It provided for registration of horses in a treatment program and prohibition from racing for a designated period of time. See LD 2087.

LD 2187 An Act to Permit Pari-mutuel Pools

PUBLIC 686

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COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-948
H-978 TARDY

SUMMARY

This bill allows the sale of common pari-mutuel pools of simulcast races held outside of the State.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-948) adds a fiscal note to the bill. House Amendment "A" (H-978) changes the age a person may be near a betting window or other place for accepting wagers from 16 to 18 years of age.

LD 2196 An Act to Strengthen the Maine Weights and Measures Law

PUBLIC 712

SPONSOR(S)
PINES
SPEAR

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-1004

SUMMARY

The original bill proposed an annual registration fee of \$5 per gas pump nozzle for commercial fuel dispensers.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-1004) changed the registration fee for commercial motor fuel dispensers to \$8 per dispensing nozzle. It requires the registration of commercial motor fuel dispensers, provides for the state sealer to collect all registration fees and establishes an account and a procedure for payment back to local sealers. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 2397 An Act to Repeal the Sunset on Penalties for Violations of Pesticide Laws

PUBLIC 829

SPONSOR(S)
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COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-1150
H-1246 TARDY

SUMMARY

The original bill was entitled "An Act Concerning the Structure and Operation of the Seed Potato Board."