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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.

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>		<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
PRAY	OTP	MAJ	
CLARK N	ONTP	MIN	
FOSTER			

**SUMMARY**

This bill gives the Department of Economic and Community Development the authority to negotiate a contract with a nonprofit membership organization to fulfill certain tourism services. It requires the organization receiving this contract to support at least 25% of the cost of the services provided and directs the Commissioner of DECD to report to the Housing and Economic Development Committee twice a year on the performance of the contract.

The committee report was divided. The House accepted the minority ONTP report; and the Senate accepted the majority OTP report and added Senate Amendment A (S-611). The Senate Amendment retains the competitive bidding process for tourism contracts and reestablishes a single contract for operation of tourist information centers and provision of tourist inquiry fulfillment services. A committee of conference was established but was unable to agree.

**LD 2349    An Act to Provide Regulatory and Permitting Assistance to  
Businesses (Reported Pursuant to Public Law 1991, chapter  
606)**

PUBLIC 826  
EMERGENCY

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
	OTP-AM	H-1164

**SUMMARY**

This bill represents a majority recommendation of the Commission to Study State Permitting and Reporting Requirements. It is one of 4 bills and one resolution submitted by that commission.

This bill requires that the Department of Economic and Community Development act as an advocate and ombudsman for the business community relative to state laws and rules. It also requires that the department have a central clearinghouse for information on permitting. Lastly, it requires the department to convene a task force to make recommendations on the establishment of a one-stop permitting center.

The Committee Amendment (H-1164) removes the language regarding an advocacy role for the Director of the Office of Business Development. It adds a definition of "permit" and clarifies that the information developed and maintained by the Office of Business Development is categorical permit information and not information relating to individual permit records. The amendment further clarifies that the involvement of the Department of Economic and Community Development in permit assistance is initiated by an applicant's request for assistance. The amendment strikes the language related to the Department of Economic and Community Development assigning processing priorities to applications. The amendment rewrites section 3 of the bill to clarify the objectives of the business license center study. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.