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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES**

JULY 1993

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.

The committee report or reports, the prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor in each house if one has been designated are listed below each bill title. 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:

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

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

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LD 694

An Act to Require That Purchasers of Used Cars Be Informed Whether the Cars Were the Subjects of Lemon Law Decisions

PUBLIC 112

SPONSOR(S)

BRANNIGAN
HANDY
HOGLUND

COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

S-67

SUMMARY

This bill requires that a consumer purchasing a used car be informed whether the vehicle had been the subject of a Maine lemon law decision or settlement.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-67) replaces the original bill and requires that a consumer purchasing a used car be informed whether the vehicle had been the subject of a lemon law decision or settlement, whether in Maine or any other state. In addition, this amendment establishes that any person who knowingly fails to disclose to the dealer any information the dealer is required to place on the used car information sticker is liable, in addition to damages, for attorneys' fees in any action brought under this section.

LD 699

An Act to Regulate Home Repair by Transient Contractors

PUBLIC 444

SPONSOR(S)

PARADIS J
HOGLUND

COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

S-72

SUMMARY

The purpose of this bill is to require transient door-to-door sellers of home repair services to register with the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation before they may solicit any home repair work. Violations of these laws may result in criminal and civil penalties. The Department of the Attorney General is to provide the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation with all forms necessary to conduct this registration program.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-72) eliminates the section of the bill which would have specifically made fraudulent sales tactics a violation of provisions of this new home repair services law. It reduces the initial registration fee from \$200 to \$100 and the renewal fee from \$100 to \$75. The amendment raises the civil penalties for violation of the law from \$1,000 to \$2,000 and from \$2,000 to \$5,000 for subsequent offenses or an offense against a person over 60 years old. The amendment makes the law enforceable by both the Attorney General and the District Attorney.

LD 720

An Act to License Athletic Trainers

CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S)

KNEELAND

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill requires that athletic trainers be licensed. Qualifications are a college degree with a curriculum in athletic training, 800 hours of supervised experience and the passing of an examination. The bill provides for the combining of the regulation of athletic training and physical therapy under one board. The board is to consist of 2 physical therapists, one physical therapist assistant, 2 athletic trainers, one physician and one public member. Biennial license fees are not to exceed \$60.