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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES**

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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&amp;S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; 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 &amp; 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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**SPONSOR(S)**  
VIGUE**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-180**SUMMARY**

This bill allows the Maine Emergency Medical Services' Board to eliminate an arbitrary cutoff date by which licensees may no longer use an alternative to relicensure testing.

The bill also provides equal treatment of physician's assistants and nurse practitioners in their ability to provide emergency care to the patients of their supervising physicians.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-180) reconciles 2 sections of the law regulating the relicensing interval for emergency medical services personnel. It eliminates the portion of the law that states the relicensing interval is 3 years and clarifies the portion that states that the Emergency Medical Services Board is to set the interval by rule.

**An Act to Require Sellers of Mobile Homes to Make Specific Disclosures Regarding Formaldehyde When the Purchase Agreement is Executed****SPONSOR(S)**  
KETTERER**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-245**SUMMARY**

Federal law requires that a health notice concerning formaldehyde emissions be prominently displayed in the kitchen of new manufactured houses and that a copy be placed in the owner's manual.

This bill requires that the notice also be given the purchaser at the time of signing the purchase agreement.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-245) adds a fiscal note to the bill.

**An Act to Allow Home Buyers to Conduct Inspections for Asbestos, Lead Paint, Radon and Other Hazardous Conditions****SPONSOR(S)**  
BRENNAN**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED****SUMMARY**

This bill allows home buyers the option to condition their purchase of a home on the results of an inspection for hazardous problems such as high radon levels, lead paint or asbestos.

This bill requires that all written home purchase contracts set forth this inspection option. If the buyer decides to have an inspection and, within a set number of days, finds the results unfavorable, the buyer may void the contract and receive back any earnest money already paid. Sellers and buyers may agree in writing to exempt themselves in whole or in part from the requirements of this bill.