

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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BILL SUMMARIES  
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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
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**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:

*PUBLIC XXX*

*P&S XXX*

*RESOLVE XXX*

*CON RES XXX*

*EMERGENCY*

*CARRIED OVER*

*ONTP*

*ENACTMENT FAILED*

*INDEF PP*

*FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT*

*FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT*

*DIED BETWEEN BODIES*

*CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE*

*VETO SUSTAINED*

*UNSIGNED*

*DIED ON ADJOURNMENT*

*Chapter # of enacted Public Law*

*Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law*

*Chapter # of enacted Resolve*

*Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses*

*Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days*

*Bill carried over to Second Session*

*Ought Not to Pass report accepted*

*Bill failed to get majority vote*

*Bill Indefinitely Postponed*

*Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote*

*Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote*

*House & Senate disagree; bill died*

*Committee of Conference formed but unable to agree*

*Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto*

*Not signed by Governor within 10 days*

*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.

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all costs if the animal suspected of having rabies is undomesticated. The municipality pays if the animal suspected of having rabies is domesticated but has no known owner. The amendment also gives animal control officers, local health officers and game wardens the authority to immediately kill an undomesticated animal, a domesticated ferret, wolf or wolf hybrid if that animal has bitten a person and is suspected of having rabies; and clarifies a municipality's responsibilities with respect to animal control.

The amendment also requires the Commissioner of Human Services to report back to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture on efforts regarding rabies prevention and protection and to include legislation to implement recommendations in the report.

**LD 1085 An Act Repealing Advisory Boards on Agriculture Matters**

PUBLIC 251

**SPONSOR(S)**

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

OTP-AM

H-302

**SUMMARY**

This bill was submitted in compliance with Public Law 1991, chapter 844, section 8, which requires the Secretary of State to submit legislation repealing certain advisory boards and commissions. The bill repeals the Maine Agricultural Viability Advisory Committee, the Integrated Pest Management Advisory Committee, the Animal Welfare Board, the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee and the Commission on Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering.

The committee amendment (H-302) strikes sections of the bill repealing the Animal Welfare Board, the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee and the Commission on Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering. Those boards would continue to operate, as under current law. The amendment leaves intact parts of the bill that repeal the Maine Agricultural Advisory Committee and the Integrated Pest Management Advisory Committee, which have not been active in the past year. The amendment strikes a reference to the Integrated Pest Management Advisory Committee which was not stricken in the bill.

**LD 1210 An Act to Require that Dogs Be Leashed**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

NORTON

ONTP

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have required that dogs be leashed by redefining the term "at large" to include a dog that is not leashed.

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