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116TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

BILL SUMMARIES  
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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&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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**SUMMARY**

This resolve requires all departments and agencies of State Government to identify public resources available to assist in conversions of defense-related businesses and industries in the State. The Department of Economic and Community Development is charged with compiling that information and submitting a report to the Legislature.

**LD 1252      An Act to Provide Support to Maine Small Businesses      PUBLIC 319**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
CLEMENT GOULD R R	OTP-AM	H-456

**SUMMARY**

This bill authorizes the Finance Authority of Maine to provide loan insurance for up to 95% of a loan for any business purpose of not more than \$75,000 for a business in existence for at least 3 years and employing 9 or fewer employees that agrees to hire at least one additional full-time or part-time employee within 12 months.

The committee amendment (H-456) eliminates the requirement that the borrower agree to hire at least one additional full-time or part-time employee within 12 months. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 1361      An Act to Define Responsibilities of the Commission on Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering      CARRIED OVER**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
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**SUMMARY**

The bill clarifies the mission of the Commission on Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering. The bill also redefines the powers and duties of the commission setting forth specific criteria for regulating genetically engineered products. The bill has been carried over to the second regular session of the 116th Legislature.

**LD 1385      An Act to Provide One Centralized Location for Obtaining Permits      CARRIED OVER**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
WINN BUSTIN MICHAEL		

**SUMMARY**

The bill establishes a permitting center within the Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of Business Development. The center will allow businesses to get all necessary state license or permit applications in one location. The center also mediates disputes between permitting agencies and businesses and tracks permitting actions within State Government. The bill has been carried over to the second regular session of the 116th Legislature.