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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES**

MAY 1994

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, 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

ONTP

INDEF PP

FAILED ENACTMENT

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

Ought Not to Pass report accepted

Bill Indefinitely Postponed

Bill failed to get majority vote

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 unable to agree; bill died

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

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When a party committee made an expenditure to finance a communication, through advertising, concerning a political cause, the communication would have had to clearly and conspicuously state the party committee that authorized and made or financed the expenditure for the communication.

The amendment also would have added a fiscal note.

Many of the issues in this amendment were incorporated into LD 2013, An Act to Clarify Reporting Requirements for Party Committees and Political Action Committees.

LD 1679 **An Act to Prohibit Electronic Video Machines** ONTP

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|-------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| TRUE | ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN | |

SUMMARY

This bill would have prohibited electronic video machines by repealing those provisions of the law that authorize the issuance of games-of-chance licenses for electronic video machine use.

LD 1692 **An Act to Clarify the Certification Procedures of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy** PUBLIC 551

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|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| KONTOS | OTP-AM | H-784 |

SUMMARY

Currently, the law provides that a law enforcement or corrections officer must successfully complete within the first 12 months of employment a basic training program as specified by the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. There is no express requirement in the law that the officer maintain this basic certification. This bill requires that an officer maintain this basic certification. This bill also imposes a like requirement on part-time and reserve officers.

This bill also makes changes to the laws governing the procedures for complaints and investigations handled by the Board of Trustees of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. The board conducts investigations and holds adjudicatory hearings related to allegations of certain misconduct on the part of law enforcement and corrections officers. The board is presently without specific authority to maintain confidentiality over its complaints and investigative records. This bill adds language that mirrors current statutory confidentiality provisions of municipal personnel records and personnel records of the Department of Public Safety that permits the board to maintain the confidentiality of its complaints and investigative records during the pendency of an investigation, but allows public access to the final written decision relating to any certification action taken by the board.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-784) conforms existing law to current drafting standards.

LD 1710 **An Act to Simplify the State's Liquor Tax** PUBLIC 615

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|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| HALL | OTP-AM | S-456 |