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**ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION BEFORE
THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES**

AUGUST 1995

This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing 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 publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, is helpful in determining to which committee any particular bill was referred.

In this document, 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 categories of final action are abbreviated as follows:

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

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. If more detailed information is needed on a bill, contact the committee analyst.

5581LHS

LD 47 **An Act to Make Pet Dealers Liable for the Sale of Dogs and
Cats That Have Health Problems**

CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
VIGUE		

SUMMARY

This bill gives purchasers of dogs and cats a recourse when the animal they purchase from a pet dealer is either ill at the time of the purchase or dies within a year of the purchase due to a disease, an illness or a congenital or hereditary condition. The bill also describes the purchasers' rights and the dealers' rights and makes any violation of this law a Class E crime.

The Committee requested by letter that the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee study this issue and report back to the Committee.

LD 52 **An Act Concerning the Labeling of Refundable Beverage
Containers**

PUBLIC 437

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
HARRIMAN	OTP-AM	S-210

SUMMARY

This bill allows nonrefillable containers from exclusive distributorships to have their refund value and the state identification indicated by stickers.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-210) qualifies the provision in the bill by stating that stickers may be used only on bottles not otherwise marked. The amendment also requires redemption centers to accept containers with either form of marking.

LD 60 **An Act to Allow Plumbers and Pump Installers to Install
Wiring on Replacement Water Heaters and Water Pumps in
Residential Property**

PUBLIC 114

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
HALL	OTP-AM	S-65 S-87 CARPENTER

SUMMARY

This bill allows plumbers and electricians to install and do the wiring on water pumps and water heaters.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-65) eliminates electricians from the bill and adds pump installers. This amendment limits the authority of plumbers to the disconnection and connection of wiring required in pump and heater replacement in residential properties and limits the authority of pump installers to pump replacement.

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" TO COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-87) corrects a technical error.