

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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117TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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**ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**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:

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

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**LD 94**      **Resolve, to Extend the Deadline to Report for the  
Commission on the Future of Maine's Paper Industry**

RESOLVE 1  
EMERGENCY

**SPONSOR(S)**  
ESTY

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
S-21

**SUMMARY**

This resolve extends the deadline for when the Commission on the Future of Maine's Paper Industry is to report to the appropriate joint standing committee of the 117th Legislature.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-21) changes the revised reporting deadline for the Commission on the Future of Maine's Paper Industry from March 8 to March 16.

**LD 109**      **An Act to Permit Motor Vehicle Dealerships to Operate on  
Sundays**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
LIBBY JD

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill allows motor vehicle dealerships to operate on Sundays.

**LD 126**      **An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Real Estate Appraisers**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
TREAT

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill removes the ability of real estate licensees to perform appraisals and render opinions of market value. It allows them to render opinions of potential purchase price or listing price. Also see LD 429.

**LD 175**      **An Act to Require that Employees in 24-Hour Convenience  
Stores Have Access to Telephones and Alarms**

DIED BETWEEN  
BODIES

**SPONSOR(S)**  
TOWNSEND  
BUSTIN

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM      MAJ  
ONTP      MIN

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

Currently state law requires that a convenience store that is open 24 hours a day have a drop safe, no more than \$50 in cash between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. and a sign at the entrance of the store that states that the cash register contains less than \$50 between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m.

This bill adds to these requirements a 4th requirement for an alarm and a telephone within easy reach of the cashier.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-127) requires either a phone or an alarm and requires only that they be accessible to the employees.