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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 & 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&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & 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 210 An Act to Expand the Membership of the Loring Development Authority of Maine

PUBLIC 166

SPONSOR(S)
ROWE

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill increases the number of members of the Loring Development Authority board of trustees from 11 members to 13. It also raises the number of members necessary for a quorum and limits the number of members who are from Aroostook County.

LD 211 An Act to Exempt Motor Homes from the Sunday Sales Law

PUBLIC 87
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)
WINGLASS

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-133

SUMMARY

This bill makes recreational vehicle dealers exempt from the Sunday sales prohibition.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-133) clarifies that it is motor homes that are exempted.

LD 236 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Reciprocity in the Licensure of Pharmacists

PUBLIC 257

SPONSOR(S)
LAWRENCE

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
S-187

SUMMARY

A person applying for a license as a pharmacist must, among other requirements, have a degree from a program accredited by the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education. To be eligible for licensure by reciprocity, a person must possess the qualifications that were in place in this State at the time that the person was initially licensed.

This bill waives the requirement for the degree from an accredited program for those applicants for licensure by reciprocity who in addition to the other requirements have practiced as a pharmacist for 5 years and have passed the examination of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-187) makes it discretionary for the Board of Commissioners of the Profession of Pharmacy to waive the accredited program requirement and requires that for it to be waived the applicant must have graduated from a college of pharmacy in this country prior to June 1, 1985 and have had the required 5 years experience in this country within the past 10 years.

LD 254 An Act to Ensure Coordination of State and Municipal Business Attraction Efforts

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
TREAT

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill requires that the Office of Business Development coordinate its business attraction and

information efforts with local municipalities.

The Committee determined that this is already a requirement.

LD 285 An Act Concerning Placement of Modular Homes

PUBLIC 199

SPONSOR(S)
CAREY

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill requires that modular homes built to state construction standards must be allowed where other single-family dwellings are allowed. In doing so it brings this statute into agreement with 10 MRSA, Section 9042, subsection 3.

LD 309 An Act to Encourage Major Business Expansion in Maine

PUBLIC 4

SPONSOR(S)
JACQUES

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-8
H-9

SUMMARY

This bill allows the Finance Authority of Maine to issue up to \$100,000,000 in revenue obligation securities relating to major business expansion projects, defined as projects costing more than \$5,000,000 and creating or retaining more than 100 jobs. The securities may be backed by capital reserve funds requiring appropriation of amounts necessary to refill the reserve if drawn upon to pay debt service on the bonds.

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-8) adds a fiscal note to the bill.

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" (H-9) strengthens the applicable standards to be used by the Finance Authority of Maine in reviewing the financial ability of an applicant to repay a loan and clarifies that applications under the program require a certificate of approval process giving competitors an opportunity to object to a project. The amendment further establishes a process and time frame within which any suit, claim or proceeding regarding issuance of bonds must be commenced in order to allow bonds to be sold to bondholders without the risk of a lawsuit being filed after the sale to bondholders.

LD 312 An Act to Clarify the Law Relating to the Licensing of Accounting Firms

PUBLIC 34

SPONSOR(S)
DUNN
SMALL

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-53

SUMMARY

This bill allows accountants when establishing a practice to use any type of business entity or combination of business entities recognized by the State.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-53) adds a fiscal note to the bill.