

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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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:

<b>CARRIED OVER</b>	<i>Bill carried over to Second Session</i>
<b>CON RES XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<b>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</b>	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>
<b>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</b>	<i>House &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<b>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</b>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>
<b>EMERGENCY</b>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<b>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</b>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<b>FAILED ENACTMENT</b>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<b>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</b>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<b>INDEF PP</b>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<b>ONTP</b>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<b>P&amp;S XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<b>PUBLIC XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<b>RESOLVE XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<b>UNSIGNED</b>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<b>VETO SUSTAINED</b>	<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 385**

**An Act to Expand Maine's Bottle Law**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
POVICH

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill adds certain plastic containers to the beverage containers that require a deposit and a refund. The containers must be made of HDPE, a recyclable plastic, and must be labeled with those letters.

**LD 395**

**An Act Concerning the Rights and Responsibilities of Innkeepers**

PUBLIC 88

**SPONSOR(S)**  
KILKELLY

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-81

**SUMMARY**

This bill permits innkeepers to require that guests show adequate personal identification and to require that the parent of a minor be responsible for that minor's obligations to the innkeeper. It also sets forth circumstances when an innkeeper may refuse to provide accommodations or may eject a guest from accommodations. Finally, it revises the requirement for posting the innkeeper liability section of the law.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-81) makes the following changes.

1. It eliminates the innkeeper's ability to require identification containing a photograph.
2. It clarifies that an innkeeper may not refuse accommodations to a minor solely because that person is a minor.
3. It eliminates a provision that states that it is not the intention of the legislation to prohibit an innkeeper from accommodating hunters.
4. It broadens the prohibition against using the provisions of the legislation to be discriminatory in refusing accommodations.

**LD 411**

**An Act to Repeal the Laws Regarding Consumer Information Pamphlets**

PUBLIC 370

**SPONSOR(S)**  
DEXTER

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

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-88

**SUMMARY**

This bill repeals the laws requiring consumer information pamphlets to be available in certain business and professional offices.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-88) adds a fiscal note to the bill.