

# MAINE STATE 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:

<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 416 An Act to Expand the Shelter Operating Subsidy Program and the Temporary Housing Assistance Program**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
MITCHELL EH

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill expands the shelter operating subsidy program and the temporary housing assistance program, which were created by the 114th Legislature to provide support to the State's homeless shelter network and to prevent homelessness. The programs are administered by the Maine State Housing Authority through the Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund.

**LD 429 An Act to Amend Real Estate Appraisal Licensing and Certification Laws**

PUBLIC 240

**SPONSOR(S)**  
HARRIMAN

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

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
S-158

**SUMMARY**

Current law defines appraisal as an analysis or opinion of the value of real estate. The current law allows real estate licensees to provide appraisals and opinions of market value other than those involving federally related transactions. This bill eliminates the ability to perform appraisals and adds the ability to perform evaluations. Opinions of market value and evaluations are not defined.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-158) restricts to real estate brokers and associate brokers the ability to provide appraisals and opinions of market value other than those involving federally related transactions. It requires that an allowed opinion include a statement that it is only for the purpose for which prepared and that it may not comply with appraisal standards.

The original bill called for adding a 2nd public member to the 7-member board. This amendment deletes that provision.

The original bill moved from 1995 to 1996 the deadline for appraisers to obtain the required 2 years' experience. This amendment extends this deadline until 1997.

Finally, the amendment adds a conflict of interest provision that prohibits real estate brokers from offering an opinion of value when the broker or any licensee with the broker's agency is to receive a fee.

**LD 457 An Act to Require Latch-open Devices at Self-service Gasoline Stations**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
BENEDIKT

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill requires that gas stations with only self-service pumping or with self-service pumping at a lower price than full-service must have at least one pump with a latch-open device. This is a device that allows the person pumping the gas to latch the pump open so that it is unnecessary to manually hold it open.

By letter the Committee asked the industry to attempt to assist the handicapped in their use of self-serve gasoline pumps.

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