

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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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:

<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 480 An Act to Require Contractor Registration**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**

POVICH

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

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**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill appears to require that contractors must be registered as a condition of entering into a contract to perform a wide range of construction work, including plumbing, electric, landscaping, architecture and highway construction.

The bill specifies information that the contractor must provide and information that the department must provide the registrants to ensure that they are aware of all applicable legal and ethical requirements for engaging in their particular business in Maine.

Proof of workers comp and liability insurance is required. Registration is not permitted for a contractor whose license, certification or registration has been suspended or revoked in this State or any other state unless the contractor passes a professional review.

See also LD 1044

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-323) (Did not pass.) This amendment makes the following changes:

1. It eliminates the provision that requires registration by a number of professions that are currently regulated by other provisions of state law and requires registration only of those contractors who charge a fee for their work.
2. It adds a provision that specifically indicates that it is a violation of the law to perform contracting work without being registered.
3. It provides grounds for refusing registration or re-registration.

See also LD 1044.

**LD 558 An Act to Allow Certain Retail Car Dealers to Sell Automobiles on Sunday**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**

HARRIMAN

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill allows motor vehicle dealerships that are under 20,000 square feet to remain open on Sunday provided the dealership regularly closes on a day other than Sunday because of the religious beliefs of the dealer.