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**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION BEFORE
THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES**

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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:

CARRIED OVER	<i>Bill carried over to Second Session</i>
CON RES XXX	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>
EMERGENCY	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
FAILED ENACTMENT	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
INDEF PP	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
ONTP	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
P&S XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
PUBLIC XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
RESOLVE XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
UNSIGNED	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
VETO SUSTAINED	<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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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-282) eliminates the requirement that the department consult with the advisory council on the matter of licensing fees.

As a condition of license renewal, the bill requires current National Athletic Trainers Association certification. This amendment states that the purposes of this requirement is fulfillment of the continuing education requirement for license renewal.

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" TO COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-392) requires the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation to prepare a budget relating to the licensure of athletic trainers. It also requires that fees and revenues received from the licensure of athletic trainers be placed in an athletic trainers account within the budget of the Division of Licensing and Enforcement.

LD 1029 **Resolve, to Establish Work Opportunity Regions in the State** ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
DONNELLY	ONTP	

SUMMARY

From 1987-1993 Maine had a Job Opportunity Zones Act. This resulted in a Job Opportunity Zone Program that was concluded in 1990. There is also ongoing authorization for municipal development districts. Lastly, the Economic Development and Business Assistance Coordinating Council is required to identify regions for the purpose of developing regional strategies and creating a regionally based delivery system.

This resolve directs the Department of Economic and Community Development to develop a plan that establishes work opportunity regions in the State and that includes a package of tax incentives to benefit targeted work opportunity regions in order to enable the Department to best focus its resources. The plan and legislation to implement it must be submitted to the Legislature by January 1, 1996.

LD 1044 **An Act to License Home Contractors and Builders** ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
TYLER	ONTP	

SUMMARY

Maine currently has a law requiring a contract for home construction and regulating transient sellers of home repair services.

This bill establishes the Board of Building Contractors to oversee the licensing of persons wishing to submit a bid to construct a building as prime contractor. Despite the title, it refers to any building, not just homes. The board shall make available educational materials for contractors and consumers, including a bill of rights, procedures for dealing with contractors and a listing of licensed contractors that includes appropriate information from the contractors' application forms.

There are 3 levels of contractor license, Class A, Class B and Class C, authorizing graduated levels of authorized construction activities.

A license may be suspended or revoked for 8 specific reasons.

See also LD 480.