

# 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 1104**    **An Act to Amend the Structure of the Electricians' Examining Board**

PUBLIC 237

**SPONSOR(S)**  
BAILEY

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-280

**SUMMARY**

This bill requires the addition of a person with a limited low-energy electronics license to the Electricians' Examining Board.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-280) eliminates that provision and requires that the current master electrician member be experienced in low-energy electronics.

**LD 1118**    **An Act to Amend the Laws Pertaining to the Duties of Skiers and Tramway Passengers by Defining Inherent Risks**

PUBLIC 472

**SPONSOR(S)**  
CAMERON

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

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-404  
H-575    CAMERON

**SUMMARY**

Current law states that, due to the inherent dangers of skiing, ski area operators are not liable for injuries unless caused by negligent operation or maintenance. The original bill defines the inherent risks of skiing, which include the risks associated with the design of the ski area. The risks do not include those due to the negligent operation of the area by the operator. The bill is silent on the subject of maintenance.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-404) adds negligent maintenance as an issue that is not an inherent risk of skiing. It also requires the posting by operators of notices that advise skiers of the law regarding the inherent risks of skiing.

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" TO COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-575) amends the definition of "skiing" to limit it to uses of the ski area, ski slopes and trails.

**LD 1144**    **An Act to Amend Certain Provisions of the Maine Emergency Medical Services Act of 1982**

PUBLIC 161

**SPONSOR(S)**  
PENDEXTER

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill changes references from "first responder services" to "nontransporting emergency medical services" to clarify the difference between "first responder" individuals and emergency medical services that do not provide patient transportation.

The bill also removes references to specific course requirement programs by name.