

# 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 1175 An Act to Simplify the Licensure Requirements of the Board of Counseling Professionals Licensure**

PUBLIC 259

**SPONSOR(S)**  
CAMERON

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-317

**SUMMARY**

This bill clarifies the language pertaining to the criteria for initial or reinstatement of licensure in the State after revocation or suspension in this or any other state. This bill also repeals the language that allowed existing counselors to qualify for licensure at the time the law governing licensure for counseling professionals was enacted.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-317) adds a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 1187 An Act to Allocate the State Ceiling Governing the Issue of Private Activity Bonds**

P & S 21

EMERGENCY

**SPONSOR(S)**  
GWADOSKY

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill establishes the allocations of the state ceiling for calendar years 1995 and 1996.

**LD 1190 An Act to Ensure Disclosures under the Used Car Information Laws**

PUBLIC 188

**SPONSOR(S)**  
KONTOS

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-236

**SUMMARY**

This bill requires that a dealer require a buyer to sign for receipt of the disclosure statement that must accompany the sale of a used automobile and requires the dealer to keep the receipt for 2 years.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-236) changes the retention requirement to 3 years to conform with the requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 956 which deals with the retention of all such records.

**LD 1195 Resolve, Directing the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to Provide Greater Uniformity among Occupational Regulatory Boards**

ONTP  
EMERGENCY

**SPONSOR(S)**  
PINGREE

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This resolve requires the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to report to the Legislature by January 1, 1996 concerning standards developed by the department to ensure greater uniformity and consistency among professional and occupational licensing boards, including deadlines and informational demands imposed on regulated individuals, board membership and composition and reports of boards.