

# 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.

5581LHS

**SUMMARY**

Lake Arrowhead Community, Incorporated, is a homeowners' association in the development formerly known as Lake Arrowhead Estate, in the Town of Limerick and the Town of Waterboro in York County. This bill clarifies and expands the powers of the homeowners' association by making it clear that all owners are members of the association and liable to pay their share of the association's expenses, establishes a method for governance and provides the ability for the association to collect membership fees.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-490) replaces the bill. Like the bill, the amendment clarifies and expands the powers of the property owners' association by making it clear that all owners are members of the association and liable to pay their share of the association's expenses, establishes a method for governance and provides the ability for the association to collect unpaid membership fees. The amendment makes several technical changes in the bill, clarifies the validity of existing membership dues and adds a requirement that the provisions of the Act be approved by a vote of the members of the property owners' association.

**LD 1316**      **An Act to Address Membership of the Substance Abuse Services Commission**      ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**                      **COMMITTEE REPORT**                      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
BUSTIN                                      ONTP

**SUMMARY**

This bill makes the legislative members of the Substance Abuse Services Commission advisory only and changes the duties of the commission to include direction of the Office of Substance Abuse.

**LD 1324**      **An Act to Require the Commissioner of Defense and Veterans' Services to Be Confirmed by the Legislature**      PUBLIC 302

**SPONSOR(S)**                      **COMMITTEE REPORT**                      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
MORRISON                                      OTP-AM                                      H-394

**SUMMARY**

This bill requires that the Commissioner of Defense and Veterans' Services be subject to review and confirmation by the Legislature.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-394) adds a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 1328**      **An Act to Limit the Length of Legislative Sessions**      ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**                      **COMMITTEE REPORT**                      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
LUMBRA                                      ONTP

**SUMMARY**

This bill shortens legislative sessions by providing that the first regular session will adjourn no later than the 2nd Wednesday in April and the 2nd regular session will adjourn no later than the first Wednesday in March.