

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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BILL SUMMARIES  
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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:

<b>CARRIED OVER</b>	<i>Bill carried over to Second Session</i>
<b>CON RES XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<b>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</b>	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>
<b>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</b>	<i>House &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<b>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</b>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>
<b>EMERGENCY</b>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<b>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</b>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<b>FAILED ENACTMENT</b>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<b>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</b>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<b>INDEF PP</b>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<b>ONTP</b>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<b>P&amp;S XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<b>PUBLIC XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<b>RESOLVE XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<b>UNSIGNED</b>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<b>VETO SUSTAINED</b>	<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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6. The bill would have required the Maine Elections and Ethics Commission to provide recommendations for additional provisions concerning audits, accountability and sanctions to be presented to the Legislature for adoption or disapproval.

The minority COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-354) would have added an allocation section and a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 1363      An Act to Clarify Definitions Under the Laws Concerning      CARRIED OVER**  
**Games of Chance**

**SPONSOR(S)**                      **COMMITTEE REPORT**                      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
MICHAUD

**SUMMARY**

This bill clarified the definitions of game of chance and game of skill. This bill was carried over until the second session.

**LD 1327      An Act to Expand Eligibility for the Maine Veterans' Homes      PUBLIC 211**

**SPONSOR(S)**                      **COMMITTEE REPORT**                      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
TRIPP                                      OTP

**SUMMARY**

This bill provided that, for purposes of admission into Maine Veterans' Homes, eligible veterans included persons on active duty at any time during the period from December 22, 1961 to August 5, 1964.

**LD 1373      An Act to Prohibit Fairs from Restricting Simulcasting at      ONTP**  
**Off-track Betting Parlors**

**SPONSOR(S)**                      **COMMITTEE REPORT**                      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
VIGUE                                      ONTP  
CAREY

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have removed the statutory provisions that gave a noncommercial racing licensee the authority to prohibit an off-track betting parlor from simulcasting racing events when the licensee is running races.

**LD 1377      An Act to Require That Campaign Finance Reports Be Archived      ONTP**

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

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have required that the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices establish a retention schedule for campaign reports filed with them. The retention period could not have been less than 25 years.