

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**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 1399 An Act to Control the Sale and Display of Tobacco Products**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
MILLS

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have controlled the manner of sale and the display of tobacco products in this State in the following ways:

1. It would have prohibited the display of tobacco products and promotional displays of tobacco products within businesses.
2. It would have prohibited self-service merchandising of tobacco products. It would have allowed vendor-assisted sales of tobacco products.
3. It would have repealed and reenacted much of the law prohibiting the sale of tobacco products to minors. With the exception of tobacco products provided by a parent to a minor within the parent's home for use there, it would have prohibited minors from possessing, receiving or purchasing tobacco products.
4. It would have authorized the Department of Human Services to make rules to implement and enforce the provisions of the bill.
5. It would have provided penalties for violations of the provisions of the bill for minors, adults and businesses.

**LD 1403 An Act Concerning the Posting of Political Signs**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
NICKERSON

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

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have required that political signs and those devices used to hold the signs in the ground be biodegradable and nonmetallic.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-459) would have added a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 1415 An Act to Establish Air Medical Services in the State in Conjunction with the Maine Army National Guard**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
TUTTLE

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have directed the Maine Army National Guard to maintain a 24-hour, on-call helicopter airlift service for medical emergencies throughout the State.