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STATE OF MAINE

ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON

Business Legislation

BILL SUMMARY



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(BUSINESS PRACTICES, Miscellaneous Business Practices, continued)

LD TITLE SPONSOR DISPOSITION

461 AN ACT CONCERNING TELEVISION BAKER ONTP
RECEIVING EQUIPMENT HIGGINS, L

SUMMARY: Governs warranties on televisions, radios and other audio-visual equipment; requires fair reimbursement to repair technicians; requires adequate supplies and service information; requires maintenance of instate repair facilities.

CROSS-REFERENCE: LD 898.

462 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE COMMERCIAL SALE OF CHAIN SAWS
AND SKIDDERS NOT EQUIPPED
MASTERMAN
WITH SPARK ARRESTERS
MCBREIARTY

(OTPA)
PL1983,c.104
MASTERMAN
MCBREIARTY

SUMMARY: Prohibits commercial sale of chain saws and skidders without spark arrestors, due to fire hazard.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-61): Limits bill to skidders only. (S. Adopted; H. Indef. postponed; bill passed without C "A")

520 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT UNFAIR CLARK, N LV/WD COMPETITION FROM THE STATE IN VIDEO PRODUCTIONS

SUMMARY: Prohibits use of video equipment, facilities and personnel of MPBN and public schools, VTI's, etc. from being used in competition with private video enterprises.

718 AN ACT TO AMEND THE UNFAIR MITCHELL, E (ONTP - 9)
TRADE PRACTICES LAW REEVES, P (OTPND(1567)-4)
HAYDEN S:Adh. Indef. PP
VIOLETTE (H:Acc.Min.Rpt.)

SUMMARY: Seeks to allow recovery of damages in a claim for an unfair trade practice.

898 AN ACT TO REQUIRE MANUFACTURERS MINKOWSKY LV/WD SELLING WARRANTED PRODUCTS IN MELENDY MAINE TO MAINTAIN IN-STATE HAYES REPAIR FACILITIES CROWLEY

SUMMARY: Governs warranties on consumer products costing \$100 or more; requires in-state service facilities, reasonable reimbursement for warranty work, adequate supplies of parts and service information, deadlines for extended repair periods, and remedies, including price reductions and unfair trade practice.

CROSS-REFERENCE: LD 461.