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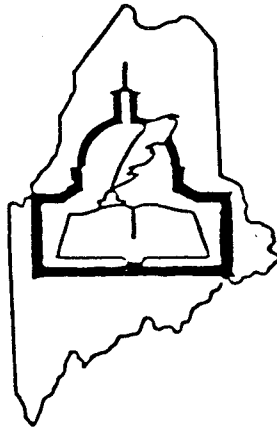
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BILL SUMMARIES
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the First Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number and indexed separately by committee.

LD: 543 AN ACT CONCERNING THE POSTING OF BONDS BY
PLAINTIFFS IN MEDICAL MALPRACTICE SUITS

BONNEY

LU-WD HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

Sought to require a plaintiff in a medical malpractice action to post a bond in the amount of \$2,000 to cover legal costs of the defendant if the plaintiff did not prevail, except that the bond requirement could have been suspended by a court upon a showing of inability to post bond.

LD: 551 AN ACT TO ADOPT THE UNIFORM CONSERVATION
EASEMENT ACT

TRAFTON
KANY
HIGGINS H

ND: 1640

OTP-ND SPO626 HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

See LD 1640.

LD: 553 AN ACT TO REENACT PROVISIONS FOR THE COURT,
EMERGENCY FOR GOOD CAUSE, TO HEAR CERTAIN CONTESTED
MOTIONS IN SEPARATION, ANNULMENT OR DIVORCE
PROCEEDINGS WHERE THERE ARE MINOR CHILDREN OF
THE PARTIES PRIOR TO REFERRING TO MEDIATION

CARPENTER
KANE
SEWALL
GAUVREAU

OTP-AM HOUSE Emerg. Enacted
SENATE Emerg. Enacted
GOV EMER SIGNED

PUBLIC
CH # 53

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SUMMARY:

Repeals the sunset clause on the exception to mandatory mediation for certain motions pending divorce; expands the issues that may be addressed without mediation on a motion for temporary relief pending divorce; makes it clear that when the court is shown good cause for making an exception to the mediation requirement for motions pending, the court may decide only those issues for which good cause for temporary relief has been shown; and provides sanctions for failing to mediate in good faith.