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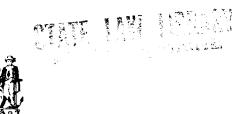
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the First Regular Session of the ll2th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number and indexed separately by committee. LD: 1025 AN ACT TO INCREASE CONSUMERS' REMEDIES UNDER THE UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES LAWS BRANNIGAN MURRAY

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SUMMARY :

The original bill broadened the remedies available under the Unfair Trade Practices Act to include orders to return, reform, refund, repair or rescind, and permitted consumers to recover attorney's fees if they established an unfair trade practice even if the consumer received relief under another statute or common law. The majority report, Committee amendment A (H-167), removed the attorneys' fee provision from the bill.

- LD: 1026 AN ACT TO RECOVER CERTAIN REFUND VALUES WARREN RETAINED UNDER THE BEVERAGE CONTAINER LAW MASTERMAN
 - LV-WD HOUSE Accepted Committee Report SENATE Accepted Committee Report GOV

SUMMARY:

When a beverage is sold, the distributor now retains the container refund value until the container is returned. An estimated 5% of containers are never returned, allowing distributors to retain these funds. This bill would have recaptured this "float" for state use.

The Committee will study this subject in the interim.

- LD: 1087 AN ACT TO REQUIRE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY JOSEPH AND INSURANCE PROVIDED BEFORE BEING HANDY PERMITTED TO OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE
 - ONTP HOUSE Accepted Committee Report SENATE Accepted Committee Report GOV

SUMMARY:

This would have required motor vehicle owners to have. minimum liability insurance before being permitted to register a motor vehicle in Maine.