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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.

SUMMARY:

The original draft proposed increasing the State Board of Nursing to 9 members to add 2 members with administrative experience. LD 1571 retains a 7-member board and amends the appointment process so that the Governor appoints the members without requiring him to first consider nominations made by the State Nurses' Association. This change updates the law to parallel the statutes governing other occupations.

LD: 1596 AN ACT CONCERNING TEMPORARY LICENSES FOR  
ND: 1225 MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES

SCARPINO  
PARADIS E  
RACINE  
MOHOLLAND

HOUSE Enacted  
SENATE Enacted  
GOV SIGNED

PUBLIC  
CH # 297

SUMMARY:

LD 1225 provided that a licensee entering the Armed Forces would be eligible for an inactive license at a reduced fee during his time in the military. LD 1596 provides a temporary license for members of the Armed Forces who let their occupational licenses lapse during their first enlistment. This allows people to work at their trade while preparing to qualify for a new license.

LD: 1604 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE AUTHORITY OF NONPROFIT  
HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS TO  
MAKE INCIDENTAL INDEMNITY PAYMENTS

PERKINS  
MURRAY  
BRANNIGAN  
BAKER A

HOUSE  
SENATE Other  
GOV

SUMMARY:

See LD 1636.

LD: 1605 AN ACT RELATING TO COLLATERAL AND TERMS OF  
ND: 413 CREDIT TRANSACTIONS UNDER THE MAINE CONSUMER  
CREDIT CODE

BUSTIN

HOUSE Enacted  
SENATE Enacted  
GOV SIGNED

PUBLIC  
CH # 316

S-137 SA DANTON H S

SUMMARY:

Original LD 413 made broad inroads in the general terms of 9-A MRSA §2-504 which limits to 1% any interest rate increases that can be imposed after refinancing of a consumer credit transaction. As redrafted, LD 1605 permits a consumer to substitute collateral on a loan without triggering the provisions of §2-504 as long as the consumer voluntarily agrees and is not in default. Also, it amends §3-301 to make it clear that a security interest may be taken in an existing home when the transaction is not subject to the Home Repair Financing Act.

LD: 1606 AN ACT TO PROVIDE PROTECTION TO BOXERS

HICHENS  
BROWN L  
ANDREWS

ND: 648

HOUSE Enacted  
SENATE Enacted  
GOV SIGNED

PUBLIC  
CH # 303

S-158 SA DIAMOND G H S

SUMMARY:

LD 648 required protective headgear in all amateur boxing contests, and neurological exams to any boxer knocked unconscious or suffering head trauma. LD 1606 requires headgear in amateur boxing or kick-boxing contests, exhibitions or sparring and applies this requirement to intercollegiate and interscholastic events which otherwise remain outside the jurisdiction of the Athletic Commission. Neurological exams are required to a boxer or kick boxer rendered unconscious or suffering serious head injury. The Commission may require health as well as accident insurance coverage for contestants. Senate amendment A (S-158) removes all references to kick boxing.

LD: 1612 AN ACT TO REDUCE THE HOURS REQUIRED FOR  
JOURNEYMEN ELECTRICIANS

THERIAULT  
CLARK H  
DUFFY

ND: 599

HOUSE Other  
SENATE Conf. Committee  
GOV

SUMMARY:

The committee's redraft reduces the number of hours of experience needed to qualify for electrician's license after graduating from a 2-year UTI program.