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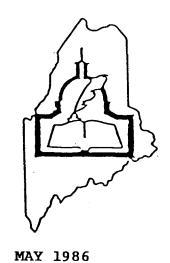
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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON

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BILL SUMMARY



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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE BILL SUMMARIES MAY 1986

This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

All Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor if it is a floor amendment or the designation "CA" if it is a committee amendment. If the amendment was adopted in the House, the letter H appears after the sponsor. If it was adopted in the Senate, the letter S appears.

Final action for each bill is listed to the right of the title. If final House action and Senate action differ, both are listed.

Key to Committee Reports and Floor Action:

Ought to Pass OTP Ought to Pass in New Draft OTP-ND Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title OTP-ND-NT Ought to Pass as Amended OTP-AM Ought Not to Pass ONTP Leave to Withdraw LVWD Indefinitely Postponed INDEF PP

<u>SUMMARY:</u> The bill requires financial institutions to make funds available to the customer within a reasonable time after the customer makes a deposit by check. The bill allows the superintendent to adopt rules setting limitations and disclosure requirements.

The Committee Amendment (H-506) provides that if a federal law is passed, the rules adopted under this subsection cannot be more restrictive than the federal law unless federal law expressly permits more restrictive state law. The House Amendment (H-520) replaces the Committee Amendment and provides that a rule cannot be more restrictive with respect to time periods than any federal law or regulation.

LD AN ACT TO PERFECT THE MAINE BUSINESS 1855 OPPORTUNITY SALES ACT

ND LD 2136

Sponsor: STEVENS, P., Bustin, Rydell, Telow Committee Report: OTP-ND

SUMMARY: See LD 2136.

LD AN ACT TO INCREASE TRUTH IN ADVERTISING 1881

LVWD

Sponsor: DUFFY, Ruhlin, Swazey, M., Stevens, P. Committee Report: LVWD

<u>SUMMARY:</u> The bill requires sellers to include the origin of products in printed advertisements for those items which federal law requires labeling of country of origin and which have a retail value of \$20 or more. Mail order catalogs from sellers located out of State and sellers who advertise in the State, but do not operate any store or outlet in this State, are exempt from the requirement under this bill.

LD AN ACT TO LICENSE BUILDING CONTRACTORS AND SUBCONTRACTORS TO A STATEWIDE BUILDING CODE

ONTP

Sponsor: HICHENS, Jacques Committee Report: ONTP <u>SUMMARY:</u> This bill establishes a state building code and a building contractors' licensing board as a means to protect the public from poor construction. For those municipalities without a building inspector, certification from a registered architect, engineer or building contractor is required under the bill. The bill requires all building contractors to be licensed and establishes standards for licensure.

LD AN ACT CONCERNING INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS IN 1895 THE FOREST INDUSTRY

LVWD

Sponsor: PRAY, Martin, J., Michaud, Twitchell Committee Report: LVWD

<u>SUMMARY:</u> The bill requires every forest enterprise to be subject to the workers' compensation laws, but allows one forest enterprise to assign, by contract, the responsibility for securing workers' compensation coverage to another. The bill establishes a fund which will provide workers' compensation to employees of uninsured employers. The fund is authorized to sue an uninsured enterprise for reimbursement of amounts paid to an employee.

LD AN ACT TO DECREASE MOBILE HOME PARK LICENSE 1898 FEES

PL 1985 c. 600 EMERGENCY

Sponsor: AYER, Clark, N., Jalbert, Swazey, M. Committee Report: OTP-AM

H-559 CA H S

<u>SUMMARY:</u> The bill changes the \$5 license fee per site in current law for mobile home parks. The bill provides that the fee may be no more than \$5 per site.

The Committee Amendment (H-559) establishes the license fee as \$30 plus an additional fee to be set by the Manufactured Housing Board of \$3 or less per mobile home site. The maximum fee in current law is removed by this amendment. Additionally, the amendment eliminates state regulation of mobile home parks with only 2 mobile home sites.