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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON

BANKING AND INSURANCE

BILL SUMMARY



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All Adopted 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 "COMMITTEE" if it is a committee amendment.

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

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Key to Committee Reports and Floor Action:

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

LD AN ACT TO CLARIFY ELIGIBILITY FOR THE GROUP
1517 ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS OR HEALTH INSURANCE
PROGRAM

PL 1987 c. 221 EMERGENCY

PL 1987

c. 219

Sponsor: TUTTLE, Gould, R. R., Wentworth

Committee Report: OTP

SUMMARY: This bill excludes employees of the Maine State Employees' Credit Union from the eligibility section of the state employee insurance laws because they are now insured elsewhere. The bill amends the state employee eligibility section to conform to federal law. The bill also amends the section on eligibility for health insurance for retirees. An employee must have participated "as an employee" in the state health insurance plan for a year to be eligible for insurance as a retiree.

LD AN ACT RELATING TO ASSIGNMENT OF GROUP HEALTH
1522 INSURANCE BENEFITS

Sponsor: MACBRIDE, Clark, H., Collins, Theriault Committee Report: OTP

<u>SUMMARY:</u> This bill clarifies a provision in current law to specifically allow the insured to determine whether benefits should be paid to the provider or to the insured.

LD AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING APPEALS BY PL 1987
1523 PARTIES AGGRIEVED BY ACTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT C. 220
OF INSURANCE

Sponsor: CLARK, H., Collins, Racine, Reed Committee Report: OTP

SUMMARY: This bill shortens the time period from 90 days to 30 days that a person who is aggrieved by an act of the Superintendent has to appeal the decision. The bill also deletes reference to rules and regulations in the appeals sections because these provisions are contained in the Maine Administrative Procedure Act.