

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**BILL SUMMARIES
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ON
BUSINESS LEGISLATION**

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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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BILL SUMMARIES
AUGUST 1991**

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. The volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries.

All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H - 584 or S - 222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

PUBLIC XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
P&S XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
RESOLVE XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
CON RES XXX	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
EMERGENCY	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
CARRIED OVER	<i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	<i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
ONTP	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
LVWD	<i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>
INDEF PP	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
VETO SUSTAINED	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
UNSIGNED	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	<i>Action incomplete when 1st session ended</i>

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including secretaries: Charlene Raymond and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

Joint Standing Committee on Business Legislation

LD 6 An Act to Restrict Disclosure of HIV Test Results

**PUBLIC 3
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)
GILL
RYDELL

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill prohibits insurers from requesting insurance applicants to reveal the results of prior testing for the presence of HIV. A similar provision contained in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5 was inadvertently repealed on October 1, 1990. The provision is replaced in Title 5 and added to the Maine Insurance Code for purposes of clarification.

LD 7 An Act to Change an Effective Date and to Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in the Real Estate Appraisal Laws

**PUBLIC 2
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)
BALDACCI

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
S-1 BALDACCI

SUMMARY

This bill extends the effective date for the licensure requirement of real estate appraisers. The original effective date of January 1, 1991, does not provide sufficient time for creation of the Board of Real Estate Appraisers, rulemaking and licensure of all those eligible as provided by Public Law 1989, chapter 806.

The bill also clarifies the reputation requirement for licensure and makes some technical changes to avoid ambiguity concerning the standards of professional appraisal practice.

Senate Amendment "A" removes the retroactivity section from the bill as that section is unnecessary if the bill is enacted and signed into law before January 1, 1991.

LD 14 An Act to Require that Measurable Material Sold at Retail Be Less Expensive Per Unit of Measurement as the Package Size Increases (By Request)

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
LUTHER

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill requires retailers to sell commodities in larger packages at a lesser price per unit of measure than commodities sold in smaller packages.