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**STATE OF MAINE
115TH LEGISLATURE**

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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES
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ON
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AUGUST 1991

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
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>

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making unlawful loans to exclude individuals who are incidentally involved in the preparation of documents or title work relating to a loan. The amendment adds a fiscal note, showing that all costs will be absorbed by the Bureau of Banking.

**LD 516 An Act to Include Smokers in Rehabilitation Treatment
Insurance Coverage**

CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
HALE TOWNSEND GEAN BRANNIGAN		

SUMMARY

This bill includes treatment for smokers in the health insurance provisions on treatment for alcoholism and drug dependency.

**LD 517 An Act Concerning the Payment of Interest on Mandatory
Escrow Balances**

PUBLIC 118

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
RYDELL BRANNIGAN KANY TRACY	OTP-AM	H-104

SUMMARY

This bill requires that mortgage notes contain provisions for the payment of interest on any mandatory escrow accounts for owner-occupied residential property of not more than 4 units. Current law requires that interest be paid by state-chartered financial institutions and licensed mortgage companies. This bill extends coverage to federally-chartered financial institutions and will protect Maine citizens when their loans are sold on the secondary mortgage market.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-104) requires that provisions for payment of interest on an escrow account be contained in the mortgage deed and adds an applicability date of January 1, 1992. It also changes the language in the mortgage deed laws to gender-neutral language.

**LD 582 An Act to Amend the Insurance Law Relating to the Type of
Coverage Provided by Insurance Carriers**

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
PRAY DUTREMBLE D MARTIN J RYDELL	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill requires insurers that offer a line of insurance in any other state to offer that same line of insurance in this State. In addition, this bill requires insurers who intend to withdraw from any insurance market in Maine to provide 18 months' notice to the Superintendent of Insurance.