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**STATE OF MAINE
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**BILL SUMMARIES
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ON
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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>

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orders against insurers engaged in unfair and deceptive practices. The emergency cease and desist order provision of the bill is amended to decrease the time within which a hearing must be held after the issuance of an emergency cease and desist order to 10 days. Reference to a show cause order has been removed from the prehearing procedure for insurers lacking a certificate of authority.

LD 1253 An Act to Create a Logging Fund to Provide Safety and Reasonably Priced Guaranteed Insurance for the State's Logging Industry LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CONLEY GOULD R A POWERS PARADIS J		

SUMMARY

This bill establishes a workers' compensation Logging Industry Fund based on a similar fund in operation in Michigan. It creates a special fund under the administration of the Chair of the Workers' Compensation Commission that is used to reimburse employers or insurers for certain benefits paid to employees injured while employed in the logging industry. The fund will reimburse an employer or insurer for any weekly compensation paid to an injured employee or the employee's dependents in excess of \$25,000. The Logging Industry Fund will be funded by a quarterly 1% assessment upon actual paid workers' compensation losses of all employers and insurers in the State. To ensure that no more money than necessary is collected, no assessment will be made if the fund balance equals or exceeds the amount of the previous assessment.

LD 1255 An Act to Prohibit the Sale of Individual Specific Disease Health Insurance Providing Minimal Benefits PUBLIC 211

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
RYDELL MITCHELL E MCCORMICK	OTP-AM	H-237

SUMMARY

The bill prohibits the sale in this State of disease insurance policies that provide minimal returns to the insured.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-237) establishes as Maine law the standards of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners for individual policies of specific disease insurance. It defines the types of renewal clauses and limits the application of the standards to health insurance. This amendment changes the title of the original bill to reflect the limitations of the standards to individual policies.

LD 1292 An Act to Clarify Regulation of Private Label Credit Cards PUBLIC 212

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MORRISON GARLAND	OTP-AM	H-238

SUMMARY

This bill clarifies that the protections of the Maine Consumer Credit Code apply to credit card plans