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**STATE OF MAINE
115TH LEGISLATURE**

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**BILL SUMMARIES
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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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COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-568

SUMMARY

The original bill sought to consolidate housing services in the Maine State Housing Authority by transferring the State Energy Conservation Program and the Energy Extension Service from the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) to the housing authority. The bill would also have transferred administration of state standards for appliance energy efficiency and administration of housing opportunity zones from DECD to the housing authority. As a result of the transfer of housing opportunity zones, the Maine Affordable Housing Alliance and the Affordable Housing Alliance Advisory Committee would be abolished.

Committee Amendment (H-568) added an emergency preamble and an appropriation section to permit a fiscal year 1991-92 deappropriation of funds due to the loss of two positions following from abolition of the Affordable Housing Alliance. The amendment reenacted the Affordable Housing Alliance Advisory Committee within the housing authority to serve on a transition basis for one year. The advisory committee will sunset on Oct. 1, 1992. The amendment also deleted the provisions that transferred the State Energy Conservation Program, the Energy Extension Service and administration of state standards for appliance energy efficiency to the housing authority.

LD 1622 An Act to Provide That An Upper Age Limit May Not Be Imposed By the Maine State Housing Authority LV/WD

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COMMITTEE REPORT
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have prevented the Maine State Housing Authority from imposing an upper age limit for persons eligible for loans from the housing authority.

LD 1674 An Act Concerning Amendments to the Laws Affecting the Finance Authority of Maine and the Maine State Housing Authority PUBLIC 511
EMERGENCY

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COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-569
H-642 MELENDY

SUMMARY

The original bill amended portions of current law regarding the Finance Authority of Maine (FAME) as follows: clarifies that selection of members to serve on the authority's board may be made from among all members of the Maine Veterans' Small Business Loan Board; clarifies that the authority may purchase and resell loans it insures by creating and operating a secondary market for such loans; clarifies that the authority may enter into agreements in which businesses involved in variable rate loans may obtain protection from interest rate fluctuations; increases the number of members who serve on the Maine