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**STATE OF MAINE
115TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**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.

Committee Amendment "A" sets back the effective date for the law regulating appraisers from July 1, 1991 to December 31, 1991 unless an earlier date is mandated by federal authority. It also specifies the licensing fees rather than giving a limit and reduces the fees requested in the bill as follows:

| | <u>Current Limit</u> | <u>Original Bill</u> | <u>Amendment</u> |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| Board of Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters | \$ 100 | \$200 | \$185 |
| Board of Occupational Therapy Practice | \$ 80 | \$150 | \$120 |
| Board of Examiners of Speech Pathology and Audiology | \$ 100 | \$200 | \$140 |
| State Board of Certification for Geologists and Soil Scientists | \$ 20 | \$ 60 | \$ 45 |
| Board of Respiratory Care Practitioners | \$ 80 | \$180 | \$135 |
| Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners | \$ 70 | \$120 | \$ 70 |
| Board of Commercial Driver Education | \$ 100 | \$250 | \$250 |

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" corrects a grammatical error.

LD 1717 An Act to Prohibit Unfair Sale Practices by Rent-to-own Businesses LV/WD

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
 FARNSWORTH LV/WD
 LARRIVEE

SUMMARY

This bill places rental-purchase agreements under the Consumer Credit Code. It sets an interest limit, indicates prohibited contractual provisions, specifies certain required disclosures and provides advertising guidelines.

LD 1726 An Act Requiring Plumbers and Electricians to Demonstrate Financial Responsibility (By Request) ONTP

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
 KETOVER ONTP
 HOGLUND

SUMMARY

This bill requires that plumbers and electricians engaged in their trades must maintain public liability and property damage insurance or otherwise demonstrate financial responsibility adequate to protect the public safety and welfare.