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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE BILL SUMMARIES

MAY 1992

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 far right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

PUBLIC XXX
P&S XXX
RESOLVE XXX
CON RES XXX
EMERGENCY
CARRIED OVER
ONTP
LVWD
INDEF PP
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT
DIED BETWEEN BODIES
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE
VETO SUSTAINED
UNSIGNED
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT

Chapter # of enacted Public Law
Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
Chapter # of enacted Resolve
Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days
Bill carried over to Special Session
Ought Not to Pass report accepted
Leave to Withdraw report accepted
Bill Indefinitely Postponed
Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote
House and Senate disagree; bill died
Committee of Conference formed but unable to agree
Legislature filed to override Governor's Veto
Not signed by Governor within 10 days
Action incomplete when session ended; bill died

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, especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

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

LD 2025

An Act to Prevent Insurers from Mandating the Use of Specific Parts, Products or Businesses

ONTP

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

VIGUE

RICH

SUMMARY

Currently, insurers are forbidden to require that an insured go to a specific company to have auto glass repaired.

The original bill also forbids the insurer from specifying a certain brand or age of repair parts and extends the coverage of the law to all auto parts.

Committee Amendment "A" eliminates the provisions of the bill and adds only a provision that insurers may not recommend a specific facility for the repair of auto glass.

LD 2032

An Act to Repeal the Provisions of the Uniform Commercial **Code Relating to Bulk Transfers**

PUBLIC 636

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

MARSANO

OYAM

HOLLOWAY

SUMMARY

This bill carries out the recommendation of the Uniform Law Commissioners by repealing the provision of Maine law which relates to the Uniform Commercial Code regulating bulk transfers. This provision required that a business planning to sell a major portion of its inventory must give notice to its creditors. Present law is felt to give creditors adequate alternative protection without the bulk transfer provision.

LD 2103

An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Emergency Medical **Technicians**

PUBLIC 742

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

VIGUE

OTP-AM

OTP.

H-1050 VIGUE

FARNUM H-961

SUMMARY

Last year the Legislature passed a bill that eliminated the statutory requirement that a basic emergency medical technician pass an exam every three years, but left the option that this could be required by rule. This year's bill gives the renewer the option of taking the test or demonstrating skill competence through run report reviews and continuing education. An amendment to do this was added by the Business Legislation Committee to last year's bill but, for some reason, possibly oversight, it was not adopted.

Committee Amendment "A" eliminates the ambulance service and first responder service members of the 13-member Emergency Medical Services' Board and replaces them with a second physician, nurse and member of the public. It also requires that the regional members of the board, of which there are currently 6, must be members of a profession regulated by the board or members of the general public. Currently, there are no qualifications for these members.