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**BILL SUMMARIES
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ON
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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

**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	Chapter # of enacted Public Law
P&S XXX	Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
RESOLVE XXX	Chapter # of enacted Resolve
CON RES XXX	Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
EMERGENCY	Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days
CARRIED OVER	Bill carried over to Special Session
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass report accepted
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw report accepted
INDEF PP	Bill Indefinitely Postponed
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	House and Senate disagree; bill died
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE	Committee of Conference formed but unable to agree
VETO SUSTAINED	Legislature filed to override Governor's Veto
UNSIGNED	Not signed by Governor within 10 days
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	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 2175 **An Act Authorizing the Risk Management Division to Provide Insurance to Certain Group Homes for Children and for Persons with Mental Retardation** ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
LUTHER	ONTP	
ERWIN		
MILLS		
LORD		

SUMMARY

This bill authorizes the Director of the Risk Management Division to offer insurance services to group homes for children and to group homes for persons with mental retardation.

See LD 2061. Wording from this bill was incorporated into LD 2061, which was vetoed by the Governor.

LD 2179 **An Act to Authorize More Accessible and Affordable Medical Insurance for Small Employers** DIED BETWEEN BODIES

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CARLETON	ONTP	A
ANDERSON	OTP	B
PENDEXTER	OTP-AM	C
BRAWN		

SUMMARY

This bill permits insurers and nonprofit health plans, like Blue Cross and Blue Shield, to develop a less costly managed care health plan specifically for the small employer market.

The plan permits a number of mandated benefits to be omitted from coverage. The plan is also designed to provide coverage for preventive care services to encourage covered persons to seek treatment at appropriate times before more costly acute care needs arise.

The bill requires insurers to renew basic care policies in most cases. Additionally, the bill requires significant disclosure that the plan does not provide coverage for certain providers and types of illness and that managed care features are included in the plan.

LD 2181 **An Act Regarding Workers' Compensation Rate Proceedings and Rate Hearings** CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BUSTIN		
PINEAU		
RAND		
MCCORMICK		

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Public Advocate to file proposed rates in workers' compensation rate proceedings and requires that the proposed rate filing of the Public Advocate be presumed to be correct in the absence of substantial and persuasive evidence to the contrary. It applies to prospective rate cases under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 24-A, section 2363 and to adjustments for experience in prior years under Title 24-A, section 2367.