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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.

House Amendment "A" (H-1188) replaces those portions of the law that deal with adoption and enforcement of plumbing rules.

LD 2362 An Act Concerning the Authority of Podiatrists

PUBLIC 731
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

BUTLAND

OTP-AM

H-1059

PRAY HOLT

PENDLETON

SUMMARY

This bill authorizes nurses to execute medical regimens ordered by licensed podiatrists.

Committee Amendment "A" makes the bill an emergency measure in order that podiatrists may be free to utilize the services of nurses in their practice at the earliest possible time.

The amendment also adds podiatrists to the section of the law dealing with practical nurses, a change which corrects what was apparently an oversight in the original bill.

LD 2422

An Act to Extend the Appraisal License Effective Date

PUBLIC 801
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)
LIBBY
BALDACCI
SHELTRA

RICH

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-1284 KUTASI S-645 BALDACCI

SUMMARY

In order to conform with recently promulgated federal requirements, a law was passed in 1991 that detailed the qualifications to become a certified real estate appraiser, a certification which became necessary in order to do federally related appraisals. The law also required all appraisers to be licensed by January 1, 1991. This was not a federal requirement.

The federal government has subsequently set back, several times, its requirement for certification and, even though the two are not related, Maine has set back its licensure requirement. The history of the setbacks is April 1, 1991, July 1, 1991 and December 31, 1991. This bill set back the license requirement to December 31, 1992. It also provides a credit toward future fees for those who have previously paid licensing fees.

House Amendment "A" (H-1284) adds an inadvertently omitted change required to be in conformance with federal requirements.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-645) raises the requirements for licensure effective December 31, 1992 in order to conform to the revised federal requirements.

In a technical change, the amendment places the Board of Real Estate Appraisers into the normal schedule for legislative review and eliminates the section of the chapter regulating appraisers that terminates the board in the year 2000.