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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES**

JULY 1993

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.

The committee report or reports, the prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor in each house if one has been designated are listed below each bill title. 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:

<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>P&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>CARRIED OVER</i>	<i>Bill carried over to Second Session</i>
<i>ONTP</i>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<i>ENACTMENT FAILED</i>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i>	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference formed but unable to agree</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</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.

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

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LD 397 An Act to Ensure Equitable Treatment of Manufactured Home Owners

PUBLIC 299

SPONSOR(S)
HEESCHEN
CAREY

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-397

SUMMARY

This bill requires municipalities to permit manufactured homes wider than 14 feet in all locations where single-family dwellings are permitted, if those manufactured homes comply with the municipal building codes.

The committee amendment (H-397) replaces the original bill. The amendment requires municipalities to allow modular homes that meet the municipal building code in all zones where other single-family dwellings are allowed. In municipalities without building codes, modular homes built to the BOCA Code, the code typically adopted by municipalities, is allowed in all zones where other single-family dwellings are allowed. The amendment also adds the necessary state mandate fiscal note.

LD 429 An Act to Provide for the 1993 and 1994 Allocations of the State Ceiling on Private Activity Bonds

P & S 25
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)
FOSTER

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
S-112

SUMMARY

This bill establishes the allocations of state ceiling for calendar years 1993 and 1994.

The committee amendment (S-112) amends the original bill to provide an additional \$10,000,000 of state ceiling to the Finance Authority of Maine for the calendar year 1993 and reduces the allocation to the Maine Educational Loan Authority in 1993 by \$10,000,000.

LD 436 An Act to Create a Small Business Energy Conservation Program through the Finance Authority of Maine

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
GRAY

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Finance Authority of Maine, in consultation with the energy programs division in the Department of Economic and Community Development, to develop plans to include conservation and energy efficiency measures as a condition of approval for any business loan application.

LD 445 An Act to Ensure the Proper Installation of Manufactured Homes

CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S)
PLOURDE

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

In 1989 the Legislature required the Manufactured Housing Board to adopt standards for the installation of manufactured homes in the State. The board has adopted those standards. This bill requires that all manufactured homes be installed in accordance with those standards. The committee decided to carry-over the bill in order to closely examine the Manufactured Housing Board's recommendations.

LD 520 An Act to Amend the Maine Housing Authorities Act

PUBLIC 175

SPONSOR(S)
KONTOS

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-232

SUMMARY

This bill adds confidentiality provisions to the weatherization, energy conservation and fuel assistance programs now being administered by the Maine State Housing Authority. The confidentiality provisions were included in the now repealed Maine Community Services Act, which previously provided for these programs.

The bill also clarifies the authority of the Maine State Housing Authority to make direct loans, designates the Maine State Housing Authority as the State's representative for accessing federal funds for homeless assistance programs under the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, and establishes the Temporary Housing Assistance Program which provides assistance to low-income persons to enable them to become tenants of rental housing units in the State.

The bill expands the definition of low-income rental housing in the preservation program to include projects with any state or federally subsidized tenants, extends the Maine State Housing Authority's right of first refusal from 30 days to 6 months in order to provide sufficient time to properly evaluate the properties, and clarifies that any action taken, not just sale of the project, that will result in the termination of assistance to the low-income tenants will trigger the right of first refusal.

The committee amendment (H-232) adds "homeless assistance" to reflect the recent program transfer to the Maine State Housing Authority and provides for a 90-day right of first refusal. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 575 An Act to Require Job Impact Statements for Investment Programs Administered by the Finance Authority of Maine

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
TREAT
PINGREE
KONTOS

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Finance Authority of Maine to analyze an application for access to capital for the effect it will have on job creation, wages, gender, employment and tax revenues. The authority is then required to track those parameters for 3 years following funding of that project and report the information to the Legislature and Governor annually.