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BILL SUMMARIES
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ON
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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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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 642 **An Act to Strengthen Laws Against Uninsured Motorists** **ONTP**

SPONSOR(S) BENNETT	COMMITTEE REPORT ONTP	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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SUMMARY

This bill requires the State Police to impound the vehicles owned by the operator of a motor vehicle when the operator does not possess the required motor vehicle liability insurance or bond, has been in an accident with a vehicle and has had a court judgment arising from the accident rendered against the operator. The vehicles must remain impounded until the court judgment is satisfied.

See also LD 400.

LD 647 **An Act to Amend the Law Pertaining to the Termination of Credit Insurance** **PUBLIC 149**

SPONSOR(S) MITCHELL E	COMMITTEE REPORT OTP-AM	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED H-211
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SUMMARY

This bill allows termination of an individual debtor's credit insurance coverage for nonpayment of premium by the debtor when the coverage is provided under a group policy or an individual policy.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-211) requires a refund of premium to be credited to the amount owed. It requires notice to the debtor.

LD 714 **An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Laws** **ONTP**

SPONSOR(S) PLOURDE VOSE	COMMITTEE REPORT ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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SUMMARY

This bill allows small businesses with 10 or fewer employees to maintain employer's liability and medical payment insurance instead of workers' compensation insurance. It is modeled on the existing provision that applies to employees of small agricultural employers.

LD 719 **An Act Regarding Employee Benefits for School Employees** **ONTP**

SPONSOR(S) CARLETON	COMMITTEE REPORT ONTP	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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SUMMARY

This bill authorizes school boards to provide group health, hospitalization and major medical benefits to their employees through direct reimbursement plans or programs by self-insuring such benefits. The bill provides guidelines for the establishment and operation of individual and group programs. School boards would be required to obtain excess insurance or reinsurance, that is, so-called "stop-loss coverage," to limit their exposure under such programs and to adopt guidelines establishing funding mechanisms for the programs before commencing operation of the programs. The legal entity establishing a program to serve a group of school administrative units would be required to adopt a plan of management providing for the financial operation of the program.

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