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BILL SUMMARIES
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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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**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 1011

An Act to Amend the Medicare Supplement Insurance Regulatory Program

**PUBLIC 154
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)
KIEFFER

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

These changes reflect requests for revisions received by the Bureau of Insurance from the federal Health Care Financing Administration and are required prior to final certification of the State's Medicare supplemental insurance regulatory program.

LD 1017 An Act to Amend Self-insurance Investment Standards

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
ERWIN

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill amends the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992 to broaden the scope of acceptable investments for self-insurers to include bonds and other obligations issued by the State and its subdivisions. The language is taken from the definition of governmental unit bonds in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 5712.

LD 1039 An Act to Reform the Insurance Code Laws

PUBLIC 171

SPONSOR(S)
HANLEY

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
S-99

SUMMARY

In Part A this bill requires insurers to accept standardized forms, to be prescribed by the Superintendent of Insurance.

In Part B this bill requires a notice on all health insurance applications warning the applicant of the importance of answering all questions on the medical history portion of the application truthfully and completely.

In Part C this bill amends the current bonding requirement for third-party administrators to ensure that the bonding requirement for third-party administrators with both claims administration services accounts and administrator trust fund accounts be as rigorous as the requirements for third-party administrators that have only a claims administration services account or only an administrator trust fund account.

In Part D this bill requires private passenger automobile policies to provide additional disclosure of rating classifications used to establish premium rates. This will permit consumers to determine whether their policies have been classified accurately. The Superintendent of Insurance is required to adopt specific standards by rule.

In Part E this bill requires medical utilization review entities to base medical necessity decisions on formal medical utilization review criteria and would give the Bureau of Insurance a means of knowing that medical necessity decisions are consistent with this criteria when consumer complaints are filed.

In Part F this bill permits insurer complaint ratios to be provided to the public. Complaint ratios will provide valuable information to the public and permit consumers to make more informed decisions prior to purchasing insurance.