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**STATE OF MAINE
119TH LEGISLATURE**

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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ON
BANKING AND INSURANCE**

JULY 1999

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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing and Select Committees
August 1999

We are pleased to provide this summary of all bills that were considered by the Joint Standing and Select Committees of the Maine Legislature this past session. The document is a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill and relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken. Also included are statistical summaries of bill activity this session for the Legislature and each of its joint standing and select committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is organized by committees and within committees by bill (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed by paper number. Two indices, a subject index and a numerical index by LD number are provided for easy reference to bills. They are located at the back of the document. A separate publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, may also be helpful in providing information on the disposition of bills. These bill summaries also are available at the Law and Legislative Reference Library and on the Internet (www.state.me.us/legis/opla).

Final action on each bill is noted to the right of the bill title. The abbreviations used for various categories of final action are as follows:

CARRIED OVER.....Bill carried over to Second Regular Session
CON RES XXX..... Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE.....Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died
DIED BETWEEN BODIES.....House & Senate disagree; bill died
DIED IN CONCURRENCE..... One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT.....Action incomplete when session ended; bill died
EMERGENCY..... Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days
ENACTMENT FAILED..... Bill failed to get vote required for enactment or final passage
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY..... Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died
INDEF PP.....Bill Indefinitely Postponed
ONTP..... Ought Not To Pass report accepted
OTP ND..... Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft
OTP ND/NT..... Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title
P&S XXX..... Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
PUBLIC XXX..... Chapter # of enacted Public Law
RESOLVE XXX..... Chapter # of finally passed Resolve
UNSIGNED.....Bill held by Governor
VETO SUSTAINED.....Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is September 18, 1999.

LD 1619 has been carried over to the Second Regular Session.

See related bills LD 631, 750 and 1890.

LD 1640 **An Act Regarding Service Contracts** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> ABROMSON		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1640 proposes to establish regulatory standards for providers of service contracts and exempts these contracts from all other provisions of the Maine Insurance Code. It also proposes to exempt from the Maine Insurance Code:

1. Warranties;
2. Maintenance agreements;
3. Warranties, service contracts and maintenance agreements offered by public utilities on their transmission devices to the extent they are regulated by the Public Utilities Commission; and
4. Service contracts sold or offered for sale to persons other than consumers.

LD 1640 has been carried over to the Second Regular Session.

LD 1660 **An Act to Provide Reasonable Compensation for Vehicles Damaged in Accidents** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> KILKELLY PIEH		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1660 proposed to require that motor vehicle insurance policies provide coverage to return insured vehicles damaged in an accident to operating condition or, if an insured vehicle is destroyed in an accident, provide coverage to replace the destroyed vehicle with a vehicle in similar condition to the destroyed vehicle prior to its destruction.

LD 1661 **An Act to Allow Fair Access to Long-term Care Insurance** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> LIBBY		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1661 proposed to require insurers and nonprofit hospital and medical service organizations and nonprofit health care plans that offer federally qualified long-term care insurance policies to also offer similar nonqualified long-term care policies that do not contain the federally required contractual provisions and definitions.