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## 118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## **FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1997**

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H.P. 1072

House of Representatives, March 13, 1997

Resolve, to Create a Restriction on Requiring the Early Payment of Loans.

Reference to the Committee on Banking and Insurance suggested and ordered printed.

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative GERRY of Auburn.

Sec. 1. Review of procedures for calling in loans early. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation shall review the procedures used by banks for calling in loans prior to the agreed-upon termination date, the penalties charged by banks for late payments of loans and the frequency with which banks require early payment of loans. The commissioner shall make recommendations regarding a prohibition on the ability of a bank to require the early payment of loans and the establishment of set penalties for late payment of loans. The commissioner shall submit a written report on the commissioner's findings and recommendations, together with implementing legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Banking and Insurance no later than January 16, 1998.

## SUMMARY

This resolve directs the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation to study the practice of banks calling in loans early and to make recommendations to prohibit this practice. The commissioner is also required to study and recommend set penalties imposed by banks for late payments of loans.