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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON

Business Legislation

BILL SUMMARY



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(INSURANCE, Miscellaneous Insurance Bills, continued)

LD TITLE SPONSOR DISPOSITION

1431 AN ACT TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO INSUR-BRANNIGAN LV/WD
ANCE RATE FILINGS BEFORE A RATE
FILING BECOMES EFFECTIVE

SUMMARY: Provides that rate filing information filed with the superintendent is public when filed, rather than when it becomes effective.

1464 AN ACT TO RESTRUCTURE MAINE'S (DFA Bill) (OTPA)
INSURANCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM DOW PL 1983, c.349
CASHMAN

SUMMARY: Shifts responsibility for management of State's insurance program from independent Maine Insuarnce Advisory Board to newly created Risk Management Division of Department of Finance and Administration.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-106): Allows up to 5% of State's insurance fund to be expended for loss prevention programs. (ADOPTED)

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LICENSING ((DBR Bill) PL 1983, c.419
PROVISIONS OF THE MAINE INSURANCE
CODE AND TO REQUIRE FILING FEES
FOR FRATERNAL BENEFIT ORGANIZATIONS
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STEVENS)
ND of 1089

SUMMARY: Changes license terms and enforcement mechanisms regarding insurers and other licensees; drops provisions regarding "in-house" adjusters.

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-145): Technical correction. (Danton, for committee on Bills in Second Reading.) (ADOPTED)

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT INSURERS FROM CLARK, N LV/WD INCREASING OR ADDING INSURANCE
COVERAGE TO EXISTING INSURANCE
POLICIES WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF
THE INSURED (After Deadline)

SUMMARY: Makes it an unfair trade practice to "roll up" policy limits or "roll on" additional coverages without prior affirmative consent of the insured.

1707 AN ACT TO AMEND THE INVESTMENT (CLARK, N) PL 1983, c.442
PROVISIONS AND CERTAIN RELATED ND of 236
SECTIONS OF THE ME INSURANCE CODE

SUMMARY: Removes most of the provisions of the original bill, since the Bureau of Insurance opposed; pending New York legislation may determine whether original bill necessary. New draft allows non-interest-bearing investments in certain things as bona fide hedging transactions; also clarifies that for purposes of investment requirements, investments in subsidiaries are to be valued at cost.