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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
STATE GOVERNMENT
BILL SUMMARY



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1427 AN ACT TO INSURE FAIRNESS IN THE Administration of the United States Social Security Act by the State Disability Determination Services Andrews LV/WD

SUMMARY: ID 1427 intended to disclose the practices and attitudes of the Disability Determination Services within the Department of Human Services. The Disability Determination Services argued that DDS is required to use the Program Operation Manual System (POMS) which are more restrictive than the rules adopted in the Federal Register. As a result, administrative court judges overturn 60-70% of the DDS decisions.

Pine Tree Legal Association on the other hand indicated that while the different sets of rules are indeed a problem, the issue pertains also to medical decisions based on no substantiating evidence, a lack of sufficient and adequately trained personnel, and a negative attitude toward disability assistance applicants. Pine Tree Legal supported the proposal for a 12 member commission to investigate DDS.

In Congress, there are 2 bills designed to resolve the discrepancy between the two sets of rules. In addition, Massachusetts is conducting a study of the issue.

1437 RESOLVE, PROVIDING FOR A STUDY OF A MAINE PRODUCT MARKETING STRATEGY AND A MAINE BUSINESS PRODUCT LOGO Michael PASS - RESOLVE 25

SUMMARY: Please refer to LD 507.

1448 AN ACT TO RESTRICT REIMBURSEMENT OF MILEAGE TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS TO NO MORE THAN THAT RECEIVED BY STATE EMPLOYEES Gwadosky ENACT. PL 209

SUMMARY: Please refer to LD 1311.

1468 RESOLUTION, PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF MAINE TO REQUIRE THAT LEGISLATORS BE SENT NOTIFICATION SEVEN CALENDAR DAYS IN ADVANCE OF SPECIAL SESSIONS Armstrong

SUMMARY: Please refer to LD 764.

1469 AN ACT TO PROMOTE APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES IN STATE GOVERNMENT AND TO ASSIST QUALIFIED RECIPIENTS OF AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN TO COMPETE Mitchell, E. ENACT. PL 260

SUMMARY: Please refer to LD 789.

1477 AN ACT TO REQUIRE ANY APPLICANT FOR GUARANTEED LOANS FROM THE MAINE Carter LV/WD

GUARANTEE AUTHORITY TO ISSUE INSURED
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BONDS PRIOR
TO ACCEPTANCE OF ANY

SUMMARY: ID 1477 proposed that any applicant to the MGA for bond financing or mortgage insurance for an industrial project be required first to apply to a private industrial bond insurance firm for insured bonds for the first \$2,500,000 of the project's costs. Following a commitment from the industrial bond firm, the applicant could either apply for a conventional bank loan to be guaranteed by the MGA or for revenue obligation bonds to be issued by the MGA for the remaining financing. In the event that the applicant was denied insured bonds by the firm, the MGA could still consider the application. The MGA, however, would deliberate with the knowledge that the applicant failed to obtain private bond insurance. The MGA could only provide assistance under this proposal if the assets are sufficient to give the MGA a first lien.

1485 AN ACT TO PROVIDE LEGISLATIVE RE- BROWN, D.
VIEW OF AGENCY RULES

SUMMARY: ID 1485 is the minority committee report on ID 276. ID 1485 proposed to require state agencies to submit proposed rules to the appropriate joint standing committee of the Legislature for review and evaluation. Rules could be submitted to the Legislature no later than January 15, May 15, and September 15. By majority vote, a committee could review the proposed rule. The committee would have 60 days to review the rule. The committee could propose legislation to amend the rule or disallow the rule to be approved by the full legislature. The committee could also recommend changes in the rules to the submitting agency.

The committee could also examine existing rules of a department and make rule changes by submitting legislation.

1505 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE MAINE KELLEHER ENACT. PL 244
CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY TO RE-
VOKE OFFICER CERTIFICATION

SUMMARY: Please refer to ID 1152.