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BILL SUMMARIES
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<u>LD</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	
1997	AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE DEFINITION OF PROJECTS ELIGIBLE FOR REVENUE BOND FINANCING UNDER THE FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE ACT	Violette	OTP-ND SEE LD 2094

SUMMARY: LD 1997 was proposed to allow the City of Portland to rehabilitate 2 old buildings (50 yrs plus) on Free Street near the Old Port Exchange area by means of municipal revenue bonds. Under existing FAME law the City of Portland asserted that these rehabilitation projects could not be financed under FAME either by the municipal or the state revenue bond financing methods.

LD 1997, as written, would have authorized the rehabilitation or reconstruction of retail stores and office buildings which were prohibited from FAME financing unless the office building was 30,000 square feet and more than 50% of the jobs represented new jobs.

2094	AN ACT DEFINING REHABILITATION OF EXISTING BUILDING PROJECTS UNDER THE MUNICIPAL SECURITIES APPROVAL PROGRAM	Violette	OTP PL 1983, C. 648
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SUMMARY: LD 2094 is a redraft of LD 1997. LD 2094 proposed to reduce the restrictions on rehabilitation project financing under the Municipal Securities Approval Program by:

1. authorizing municipal revenue bond financing of rehabilitation buildings 50 years of age or older and which have a minimum of 5,000 gross square feet; and
2. making technical non-substantive changes in the definitions of eligible project.

2032	AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC ADVOCATE TO INTERVENE IN PROCEEDINGS TO HEALTH INSURANCE AND WORKERS' COMPENSATION BEFORE THE SUPERINTENDENT OF INSURANCE AND IN PROCEEDINGS		OTP-ND SEE LD 2106
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SUMMARY: LD 2032 is the legislation product of a study conducted by the Committee on State Government with respect to expanding the role of the Public Advocate to other areas in addition to the current role before the Public Utilities Commission. LD 2032 proposes to extend the Public Advocate's role to the fields of health insurance, workers' compensation insurance, and hospital revenues regulation.

Since a workers' compensation rate case was pending before the Superintendent of Insurance and a decision with respect to Public Advocate intervention in this area was necessary as expeditiously as possible, the public hearing dealt only on this matter.

A new draft, LD 2106, a Resolve, that authorized the Public Advocate to intervene only in the pending rate case filed on December 28, 1983 was reported out of the Committee.

The remaining provisions of LD 2032 were included in a new bill, LD 2202.