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BILL SUMMARY



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BILL SUMMARIES
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the First Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number and indexed separately by committee.

COMMITTEE: ST GOVT

LD: 4 AN ACT PROHIBITING STATE AGENCIES FROM
EMERGENCY PURCHASING REAL PROPERTY
ND: 774

MARTIN J

OTP-ND HPO630 HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

CH #340

SUMMARY:

See LD 774, the new draft of LD 4.

LD: 5 AN ACT TO REQUIRE LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL OF ALL
EMERGENCY PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS INVOLVING THE STATE HOUSE

DIAMOND J
VIOLETTE
CLARK N
HAYDEN

LV-WD HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
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SUMMARY:

LD 5 proposed that no changes to, improvements or construction on the State House and surrounding grounds can be undertaken unless the alterations, improvements, or construction are part of a plan that have been approved by the Legislature.

The legislation, in the emergency preamble, stated that the Legislature, under current provisions, is unable to exercise any control with respect to improvements or alterations made to the State House. This is particularly true with respect to immediate or soon-to-occur improvements and alterations.

There are two statutes that address this issue. Title 3 of the Maine Revised Statutes, section 162, sub-§12 provides that the Legislative Council has the authority to:

- A. insure adequate physical facilities are available for the efficient operation of the Legislature;
- B. provide for and determine the use of legislatively controlled facilities within and outside the State House; and
- C. assign use of all rooms in the State House, except the immediate offices of the Governor, for chairpersons of legislative committees and legislative staff.

In 5 MRSA §1742, sub-§§15 and 18, the Department of Finance and Administration, through the Bureau of Public Improvements, is authorized to: