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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.

LD: 419 AN ACT TO AMEND THE HABITUAL OFFENDER LAW

PERKINS
CARPENTER
BUSTIN
SEWALL
PUBLIC
CH # 308

- OTP-AM HOUSE Enacted
SENATE Enacted
GOV SIGNED

S-130 CA H S

SUMMARY:

This bill expands the eligibility of habitual offenders to apply for a work-restricted license. The Committee Amendment (S-130) clarifies that if one or more of the convictions or adjudications leading to habitual offender status is criminal homicide, the habitual offender is not eligible. Also, the habitual offender is not eligible for a work-restricted license while his license is suspended for operating under the influence.

LD: 420 AN ACT RELATING TO THE LEGAL BLOOD-ALCOHOL LEVEL UNDER MAINE'S OPERATING UNDER THE INFLUENCE LAWS

WEBSTER C
HICHENS
RANDALL
BRAGG

ONTP HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

This bill would have reduced the "per se" blood-alcohol level from 0.10% to 0.08% weight of alcohol in the blood. A driver whose blood-alcohol test showed 0.08% or more alcohol in his blood would be guilty of operating under the influence.

LD: 423 AN ACT CONCERNING THE RETURN OF SECURITY DEPOSITS PAID BY TENANTS

USHER
ANDREWS

ONTP (Maj) HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

S-117 CA MIN REP
S-159 CA NAJARIAN

SUMMARY:

This bill would have required all landlords to pay 4% annual interest on security deposits paid by tenants.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-117) (Minority report, Not accepted) required all landlords to pay 4% annual interest on security deposits of at least \$100 and the landlord has held the security deposit for at least one year.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-159) (Not adopted) incorporated the same requirements as the Committee Amendment, but changed the structure.