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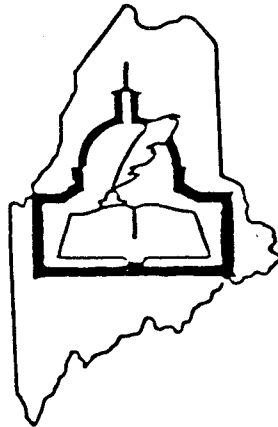
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BILL SUMMARY



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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.

LD:

543

AN ACT CONCERNING THE POSTING OF BONDS BY
PLAINTIFFS IN MEDICAL MALPRACTICE SUITS

BONNEY

LU-WD

HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

Sought to require a plaintiff in a medical malpractice action to post a bond in the amount of \$2,000 to cover legal costs of the defendant if the plaintiff did not prevail, except that the bond requirement could have been suspended by a court upon a showing of inability to post bond.

LD:

551

AN ACT TO ADOPT THE UNIFORM CONSERVATION
EASEMENT ACT

TRAFTON

KANY

ND:

1640

HIGGINS H

OTP-ND SPO626

HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

See LD 1640.

LD:

553

EMERGENCY

AN ACT TO REENACT PROVISIONS FOR THE COURT,
FOR GOOD CAUSE, TO HEAR CERTAIN CONTESTED
MOTIONS IN SEPARATION, ANNULMENT OR DIVORCE
PROCEEDINGS WHERE THERE ARE MINOR CHILDREN OF
THE PARTIES PRIOR TO REFERRING TO MEDIATION

CARPENTER

KANE

SEWALL

GAUUREAU

OTP-AM

HOUSE Emerg. Enacted
SENATE Emerg. Enacted
GOV EMER SIGNED

PUBLIC

CH # 53

S-25

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SUMMARY:

Repeals the sunset clause on the exception to mandatory mediation for certain motions pending divorce; expands the issues that may be addressed without mediation on a motion for temporary relief pending divorce; makes it clear that when the court is shown good cause for making an exception to the mediation requirement for motions pending, the court may decide only those issues for which good cause for temporary relief has been shown; and provides sanctions for failing to mediate in good faith.