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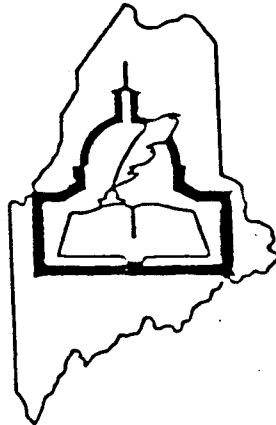
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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
TAXATION
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:

672

AN ACT TO INCREASE INCOME LIMITATIONS UNDER
THE ELDERLY HOUSEHOLDERS TAX AND RENT REFUND
ACT AND TO REMOVE PEOPLE IN SUBSIDIZED
HOUSING FROM THE PROGRAM.

BALDACCI
DUFFY

LV-WD

HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

Increases income eligibility levels for Elderly Tax and Rent Refund Program to \$9,400 for individuals and \$11,200 for multimember households. It also eliminates from eligibility persons living in subsidized housing. Revenue loss for FY 85-86, 5,600,000 for FY 86-87, \$5,100,000.

LD:

698

AN ACT TO REQUIRE ADEQUATE NOTICE OF TAX
LIEN FORECLOSURE

HIGGINS H
MAYO
ZIRNKILTON
MCGOWAN

ND: 1583

OTP-ND LD1583 HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

See new draft, L.D. 1583.

LD:

699

AN ACT TO REALIGN THE TAX LAWS OF THE STATE
AS THEY RELATE TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS

HIGGINS H
TWITCHELL
DAGGETT

HOUSE Ref'd to Committee
SENATE Ref'd to Committee
GOV

SUMMARY:

Held-over. Original bill restricts the Maine telephone excise tax to local exchange telephone service. It extends the sales tax to interstate telephone services and applies the sales tax to all leases and rentals. The Committee considered several amended versions of this bill, especially a version which would have extended the current telephone excise tax to companies providing long distance services in Maine but which do not fall under the current tax because they do not operate telephone lines in the State. Ultimately, the Committee believed the implications of taxation in the field of telecommunication were broad and important and could not be adequately addressed in the time available before the end of the session. Consequently, the bill has been held over until the next session, and permission has been requested for the Committee to study this issue.