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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
STATE GOVERNMENT  
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.

- a) Maine Municipal Bond Bank and
  - b) the Community Block Grant Company
- 4) the Finance Authority of Maine.

According to the Statement of Fact, the purpose of the "...bill is to coordinate and make efficient the State's economic development and business assistance programs, to produce and forster economic growth, and to enable Maine citizens to realize their employment potential."

Currently, there is no formal structure to coordinate the activities of the several economic development agencies of the State. As a result, there is duplication of effort and programs.

The bill was withdrawn by the sponsors because of insufficient support for the bill. The sponsors asserted that the bill is "... ahead of its time but will most likely be implemented in the future."

LD:

679

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR FLEXIBILITY IN THE  
APPLICATION OF STATE REGULATIONS AFFECTING  
SMALL BUSINESS

GWADOSKY  
LACROIX  
TELOW  
ALLEN

LV-WD

HOUSE Accepted Committee Report  
SENATE Accepted Committee Report  
GOV

SUMMARY:

LD 679 proposed to ease the burden of rule making on small businesses (less than 100 employees) by requiring each agency to describe the impact of the proposed rule and how the rule will be implemented. The description would be made available to the public. Specifically the bill required the agency to prepare:

- A. a description of the problem the rule is directed to address and the objectives of the rule;
- B. a description of the small businesses affected by the rule;
- C. a description of:
  - 1) reporting and record keeping requirements and
  - 2) compliance costs
- D. a description of significant alternatives to the proposed rule and various compliance and record keeping activities that could reduce the cost of the proposed rule; and

E. identification of relevant state and federal rules that may duplicate, overlap, or conflict with the proposed rule.

The bill was withdrawn with the understanding that the State Government Committee or the Joint Select Committee on Economic Development (LD 95) would study the needs and problems of small business. In addition, some of the provisions of the bill were addressed in LD 377.

LD: 695 AN ACT TO REQUIRE ALL SECOND SESSION BILLS TO HAVE EMERGENCY PREAMBLES  
RIDLEY  
SEAVEY  
WEYMOUTH  
DUTREMBLE

LV-WD HOUSE Accepted Committee Report  
SENATE Accepted Committee Report  
GOV

SUMMARY:

LD 695 proposed to require that all bills introduced in the Second Regular Session, statutorily be required to contain emergency preambles and clauses in order to comply with the Constitutional provision (Article IV, Part Third, Section 1). This provision requires that the Second Regular Session of the Legislature be limited to:

- A. bugetary matters
- B. Legislation in the Governor's call
- C. Emergency legislation
- D. Legislation from Committee study reports, and
- E. Legislation in the form of direct initiatives

The Committee voted the bill "ought-not-to-pass" because one legislature cannot bind future legislatures, and the effect of the statutory requirement would be limited exclusively to the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. In addition, the proposal, to some people, seemed more appropriate in the form of a Joint Rule than in the form of a Public Law.

LD: 696 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DISPOSITION OF CERTAIN STATE PROPERTY  
BONNEY

ND: 1510

OTP-ND HP1036 HOUSE Accepted Committee Report  
SENATE Accepted Committee Report  
GOV  
CH #378

SUMMARY:

Please refer to LD 1510, the new draft of LD 696.