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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:

798

AN ACT TO IMPROVE REMEDIES FOR SUBSTANDARD HOUSING

NAJARIAN

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

SUMMARY:

This bill would have required the award of attorney fees when a tenant wins a suit on the landlord's violation of the warranty of habitability. In addition, it would have defined any violation of the landlord-tenant laws as an unfair trade practice.

LD: 802 RESOLVE, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAINE STATE HOUSING AUTHORITY TO STUDY AND REPORT ON CURRENT PRACTICES RELATING TO ENFORCEMENT OF SAFE AND HABITABLE CONDITIONS IN RENTAL HOUSING NAJARIAN BOST

OTP-AM (Maj) HOUSE Indef. PP
SENATE Indef. PP
GOV

H-346 CA BOST H S
S-186 CA MAJ REP H S
S-190 SA TRAFTON

SUMMARY:

This resolve would have required the Maine State Housing Authority and the State Planning Office to conduct a study on current regulatory practices and conditions of rental housing in the various localities within the State.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-186) (Majority report) reduced the study to include only the existence, provisions in and enforcement of habitability and safety requirements in rental housing codes. A review committee would review the study and make recommendations.

House Amendment "A" (H-346) corrects the placement of a paragraph in the appropriation section.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-190) (Not adopted) would have made the correction that House Amendment "A" did.