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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 785 AN ACT RELATING TO THE ASSESSMENT OF
STORAGE FEES BY MOTOR VEHICLE SERVICE
STATIONS

GAUVREAU
BOST
SCARPINO
STEVENS P

OTP-AM HOUSE Enacted
SENATE Enacted
GOV SIGNED

PUBLIC
CH # 152

S-58 CA H S

SUMMARY:

Under the original bill, parking lots and garages must notify vehicle owners of their storage rates within 3 business days and during the first 10 days of storage, \$5 per day is the maximum storage fee. As amended by the committee (S-58), the notification period is changed from 3 to 7 business days to allow adequate time. The amendment also removes the provisions setting maximum storage fees and extinguishing mechanics' liens when notification procedures are not followed.

LD: 827 AN ACT TO ALLOW LICENSED DENTISTS TO
PARTICIPATE IN ANY PREPAID DENTAL GROUP

MANNING
GILL
PARADIS P

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

SUMMARY:

LD 827 would prohibit any health insurance or employee benefit plan from denying any dentist the right to participate as a contracting provider. Proponents argued that HMO's and PPO's would not contract with some dentists as providers and thus remove their ability to earn a living, especially in rural areas. Opponents argued that such groups cannot function and offer lower cost services through the economies of scale if forced to contract with all dentists. This topic will be studied by the Committee in the interim.

Related bill: See LD 752.

LD: 828 AN ACT CONCERNING MAINE'S LEMON LAW

WARREN
DIAMOND G
MCGOWAN
COTE

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

SUMMARY:

This bill reduces the number of times a consumer has to have the same mechanical problem with a car and reduces the number of days a car has to be in the repair shop to have the remedies go into effect. It also changes the requirements concerning the manufacturer's arbitration process.

Related bill: See LD 1160.

LD:	829	AN ACT PERMITTING RETENTION OF LOSS IN EXCESS OF LOSS FUND BY GROUP SELF-INSURERS	MARTIN J PRAY
OTP-AM		HOUSE Emerg. Enacted SENATE Emerg. Enacted GOV EMER SIGNED	PUBLIC CH # 219
H-123	CA		H S

SUMMARY:

The bill, as amended by committee amendment "A" (H-123) makes changes in the formulas for determining how much aggregate excess insurance may be required and the circumstances in which a group self-insurer may use the proceeds of the sale of subordinated loan certificates to increase the group self-insurer's retention level. This amendment limits the amount of aggregate excess insurance that may be required of group self-insurers. It also authorizes the use of the proceeds of the sale of subordinated loan certificates to increase a group self-insurer's self-insured retention level.

LD:	831	AN ACT REGULATING PLACES WHERE MESSAGES ARE GIVEN AND THEIR EMPLOYEES	SOUCY MURPHY E MCPHERSON NAJARIAN
ONTP		HOUSE Accepted Committee Report SENATE Accepted Committee Report GOV	

SUMMARY:

The bill would require the licensing of massage establishments and of masseurs and masseuses. The Committee did not believe this was the appropriate way to distinguish between legitimate massage therapists and prostitutes posing as masseuses or to control the prostitution problem in some of Maine's cities.