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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.

As amended by the Committee (H-278), the bill extends to tenants in mobile home parks the provisions on security deposits and the implied warranty and covenant of habitability that now apply to tenants in rental apartments.

LD: 933 AN ACT RELATING TO ODOMETER READINGS SEWALL

ONTP HOUSE Accepted Committee Report  
SENATE Accepted Committee Report  
GOV

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this bill was to remove the requirement that a transferor of a motor vehicle notify the Secretary of State of the vehicle's odometer reading at the time of transfer.

LD: 946 AN ACT RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR REMOVAL OF MOBILE HOMES FROM MOBILE HOME PARKS HOGLUND  
BEAULIEU

OTP-AM HOUSE Enacted PUBLIC  
SENATE Enacted CH # 324  
GOV SIGNED

H-228 CA H S

SUMMARY:

The purpose of the original bill was to prohibit mobile home park operators from requiring that an older mobile home be removed from the park because it does not meet construction or safety standards applicable to newer mobile homes.

Under the Committee's amended version (H-228), no park owner may require a tenant to remove his mobile home from the park, except pursuant to a written rule contained in the written copy of park rules which the park owner must give to the tenant. In the case of a rule governing circumstances under which a tenant may be required to remove his home because of the age or condition of the home, the park owner must first have the rule approved by the Manufactured Housing Board.

LD: 965 AN ACT TO PROTECT SHAREHOLDERS IN MAINE CORPORATIONS BRANNIGAN

OTP-AM HOUSE Enacted PUBLIC  
SENATE Enacted C. # 394  
GOV

H-280 CA MAJ REP H S  
H-281 CB MIN REP

SUMMARY:

The bill's purpose is to protect publicly held Maine corporations from hostile takeovers of control by corporate raiders. If a person or group buys 25% or more of a corporation's stock, he must also purchase for a fair price the stock of any other shareholder who wants to sell at that time. This is intended to protect minority shareholders from declining stock values if a raider purchases only the minimum number of shares necessary to obtain control. The bill amends the section governing the duties of the board of directors to allow it to consider impact on employees, suppliers, customers and the community. As amended by the majority report, Committee amendment A (H-280), 10% of the shareholders may request a court-ordered special shareholders' meeting. Special meetings are now often used by raiders to obtain control or harass management.

The minority report, Committee amendment B (H-281) would have made only one change in current law. Like the majority report, it allowed the board to consider impact on employees and others when it considers the best interest of the shareholders and the corporation.

LD: 966 RESOLVE, ESTABLISHING THE COMMISSION ON  
EMERGENCY LIMITED BENEFIT HEALTH INSURANCE

SCARPINO  
GILL  
CLARK N  
MURRAY

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

SUMMARY:

The resolve would have established a commission to study limited benefit health insurance and Medicare supplemental insurance policies. Often the elderly are misled into buying policies which provide no real additional coverage.

LD: 979 AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOCIAL WORKER REGISTRATION  
EMERGENCY ACT WITH RESPECT TO EMPLOYMENT BY NURSING  
HOMES

BUSTIN  
BROWN L  
BOUTILIER

OTP HOUSE Emerg. Enacted  
SENATE Emerg. Enacted  
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PUBLIC  
CH. # 199

SUMMARY:

The bill extends until July 1, 1987 the exemption which allows nursing homes to employ social workers not registered under the act.

This subject will be studied by the Committee in the interim.