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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:

1025

AN ACT TO INCREASE CONSUMERS' REMEDIES UNDER
THE UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES LAWS

BRANNIGAN
MURRAY

OTP-AM HOUSE Adhered to Eng. w. CA
SENATE Indef. PP
GOV

H-167 CA MAJ REP H S

SUMMARY:

The original bill broadened the remedies available under the Unfair Trade Practices Act to include orders to return, reform, refund, repair or rescind, and permitted consumers to recover attorney's fees if they established an unfair trade practice even if the consumer received relief under another statute or common law. The majority report, Committee amendment A (H-167), removed the attorneys' fee provision from the bill.

LD:

1026

AN ACT TO RECOVER CERTAIN REFUND VALUES
RETAINED UNDER THE BEVERAGE CONTAINER LAW

WARREN
MASTERMAN

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

SUMMARY:

When a beverage is sold, the distributor now retains the container refund value until the container is returned. An estimated 5% of containers are never returned, allowing distributors to retain these funds. This bill would have recaptured this "float" for state use.

The Committee will study this subject in the interim.

LD:

1087

AN ACT TO REQUIRE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY
AND INSURANCE PROVIDED BEFORE BEING
PERMITTED TO OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE

JOSEPH
HANDY

ONTP HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

This would have required motor vehicle owners to have minimum liability insurance before being permitted to register a motor vehicle in Maine.