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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: 1129 RESOLVE, AUTHORIZING THE EXCHANGE BY THE DRINKWATER
EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND VETERANS' SERVICES
OF A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND IN BELFAST
FRONTING ON CONGRESS STREET AND BEING PART

OTP-AM HOUSE Finally Passed RESOLVE
SENATE Finally Passed CH # 26
GOV SIGNED

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SUMMARY:

LD 1129 transferred a parcel of property from the Belfast National Guard Armory to the City of Belfast and additional transferred a parcel of city owned property to the Belfast National Guard Armory. This switch of properties is intended to allow to develop a military training site which is currently impeded by an inadequate amount of property for this purpose.

LD: 1131 AN ACT TO RESTRUCTURE THE EMPLOYEES' HEALTH KANY
INSURANCE PROGRAM AND INCLUDE THE PROGRAM GWADOSKY
WITHIN THE RISK MANAGEMENT DIVISION, DILLENBACK
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION DESCOTEUX

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

SUMMARY:

LD 1131 proposed to abolish the Board of Trustees of the Accident and Sickness or Health Insurance Programs for State employees and their families. The Health Insurance program would be incorporated into the Risk Management Division of the Department of Finance and Administration. The Director of the Risk Management Division would be authorized to hire an assistant director to administer employee benefits.

The provisions in LD 1131 that were proposed as new provisions, for the most part, currently exist in 5 MRSA §§285. Nevertheless there were some changes as shown below.

A. LD 1131 removes the current requirement that proposals for group accident and sickness or health insurance policies be sent out to competitive bidding. Competitive bidding on insurance policies is directed primarily toward property and liability insurance (see page 3, ¶C, lines 5-25);

B. The coverage section of current law which extends coverage as provided in Title 24-A to State employees and which requires health insurance benefits to be consistent with collective bargaining agreements of health insurance benefits, is omitted from LD 1131.

The Committee voted to reject the bill because the current system is working well, and there was opposition by some groups (e.g. MSEA) which feared the repercussions of the change.