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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
STATE GOVERNMENT  
BILL SUMMARY



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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:

1166

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A TOLL-FREE NUMBER FOR MAINE CITIZENS NEEDING INFORMATION

MCHENRY  
VIOLETTE  
MANNING  
THERIAULT

LV-WD

HOUSE Accepted Committee Report  
SENATE Accepted Committee Report  
GOV

SUMMARY:

LD 1166 proposed to establish a Central Clearinghouse of Information to which the General Public could pose inquiries by toll free telephone service. The Central Clearinghouse Agency would directly answer questions or refer the caller to the source of information as it relates to

- A. state programs and state agencies,
- B. federal programs,
- C. general information, and
- D. the State and political subdivisions.

LD 1166 did not address "mechanical" issues involved such as structure and operation of the office, scope of responsibility, appointment of the director, etc. A \$54,415 appropriation for the biennium for 1 clerical position, rent, and watts line usage seemed inadequate for the broad responsibilities and active public use of the office.

Since the average citizen is not very knowledgeable about the workings of State Government, it seemed appropriate that a central clearinghouse of information could be of great assistance to the members of the public. Limited resources, however, and the need for a better understanding of how the office would work resulted in a "leave-to-withdraw motion.

LD:

1178

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A VEHICLE RENTAL AGENCY IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

NADEAU G G  
PEARSON  
KANY  
DESCOTEAUX

OTP-AM

HOUSE Emerg. Enacted  
SENATE Emerg. Enacted

CH #453

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H-129

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H-161

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SUMMARY:

LD 1178, which has been enacted, authorized the Department of Conservation to operate a vehicle rental agency which would rent vehicles to various programs. Revenues returned by the rental fees would be deposited in a fund to be used for maintaining and replacing the vehicles. The vehicle rental