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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: 1410 AN ACT TO PLACE THE STATE BOARD OF LICENSURE RACINE
EMERGENCY OF ADMINISTRATORS OF MEDICAL CARE FACILITIES MURRAY
OTHER THAN HOSPITALS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF ARMSTRONG
BUSINESS, OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL BUSTIN
REGULATION

OTP-AM HOUSE Emerg. Enacted PUBLIC
SENATE Emerg. Enacted CH # 233
GOV EMER SIGNED

H-145 CA H S

SUMMARY:

The bill changes the board's name to the Nursing Home Administrators Licensing Board, reduces it to 7 members, and places it within the Department so that it has access to better administrative and clerical services.

LD: 1411 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLIC REST ROOMS IN ARMSTRONG
EATING ESTABLISHMENTS DAVIS
ND: 559 MICHAEL

HOUSE Enacted PUBLIC
SENATE Enacted CH # 171
GOV SIGNED

SUMMARY:

LD 559 proposed to require eating establishments which serve food for on-premise consumption to provide free toilets to the public. As redrafted, LD 1411 requires them to provide at least one toilet and lavatory to its customers. An eating establishment is one licensed by the Dept. of Human Services to serve food inside the premises and doesn't include roadside stands or retail establishments licensed by the Dept. of Agriculture which serve food as a minor part of their business.

LD: 1445 AN ACT TO REQUIRE RECOGNITION OF NURSING MARTIN J
LICENSES GRANTED IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS VIOLETTE

OTP-AM HOUSE Enacted PUBLIC
SENATE Enacted CH # 361
GOV SIGNED

H-227 CA H S
S-171 CA BUSTIN H S

SUMMARY:

LD 1445, as amended by the Committee (H-227) provides for licensing standards for registered nurses and practical nurses licensed by jurisdictions other than Maine, including other states, United States territories and other nations.

Senate amendment A to the committee's amendment removes references to certification to make it clear that licensure is based on passage of an exam, not certification by a professional group.

LD: 1475 AN ACT CONCERNING EXEMPTIONS TO LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR TREE REMOVAL MAYO CHALMERS

ONTP HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this bill is to amend the law dealing with exemptions to licensing requirements for tree removal to increase the size of municipalities which may enact those exemptions from 2,500 to 3,500.

LD: 1476 AN ACT TO AMEND THE PROVISIONS GOVERNING THE EMERGENCY CONVERSION OF A MUTUAL INSURER MURRAY RYDELL

OTP-AM HOUSE Emerg. Enacted PUBLIC
SENATE Emerg. Enacted C. # 399
GOV EMERG. SIGNED

H-279 CA MAJ REP H S
H-292 CA BAKER A
H-307 CA BAKER A
H-358 CA BAKER A

SUMMARY:

The final bill (H-279) makes several changes to the statute governing the conversion of a mutual insurer to a stock insurer. Members should receive 100% of their interest in the company's equity distribution in cash and stock, with an option of receiving up to 50% in cash. The statute overrides any inconsistent provisions in the insurer's charter and certain term policyholders may now vote on conversion. Costs incurred by the Supt. of Insurance in reviewing a conversion plan will be assessed against the insurer.

LD: 1487 AN ACT TO AMEND THE MAINE CONSUMER CREDIT CODE BUSTIN STEVENS P MARTIN H

OTP-AM HOUSE Enacted PUBLIC
SENATE Enacted CH # 336
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S-166 CA H S