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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.

Award contracts to work centers through the competitive bidding procedures developed for work centers; and

Ensure that when a work center does not successfully bid on a contract, the contract will be offered through standard competitive bid by the State Purchasing Agent.

LD: 1574 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A DIRECTORY OF LICENSES AND PERMITS REQUIRED OF NEW AND EXPANDING BUSINESSES BELL SPROUL GWADOSKY KANY
ND: 1349

HOUSE Enacted
SENATE Enacted
GOV

CH #471

SUMMARY:

LD 1349, the original bill, proposed to establish a one-stop license "shopping" office for persons who need state licenses and permits to engage in a new business or expand an existing business in Maine. By reducing the number of agencies and license permit applications for which a prospective business owner must be concerned, new and expanding business owners would be encouraged to a great extent to develop in Maine.

A Business Licensing and Permitting Program therefor was established within the State Development Office to:

1. Compile a list of state licenses and permits required of new or expanding businesses in Maine;
2. Publish a guide of licenses and permits required for various types of business activities. This guide will be categorized according to agencies, business activities and type of business;
3. Establish a master application form to replace multiple applications for several licenses and permits; and
4. Establish a master license which would not replace the licensing authority of any state agency, but would include all licenses issued by several agencies.

The program created by this bill intended to provide assistance to applicants to complete forms and determine the information and evidence required of the applicant to obtain various licenses. All other state agencies were required to cooperate and assist the Director of the State Development Office.

The Governor's Office testified against the bill and indicated the Governor would veto the bill.

LD 1574, the new draft removes the master licensing proposal and retains the provisions for a directory of business licenses and permits that is part of the original bill. According to this new draft, the Director of the State Development Office is required to update and publish annually a directory of licenses and permits required for new and expanding businesses. The directory would show the licenses and permits issued by each agency, and the licenses and permits required of various types of business enterprise and business activities. All state agencies are required to cooperate with the Director of the State Development Office and provide the director with the necessary information.

LD: 1597 AN ACT TO ABOLISH THE OFFICE OF ENERGY RESOURCES ARMSTRONG WEBSTER M JACKSON BAKER A

HOUSE Other
 SENATE -
 GOV

SUMMARY:

Please refer to LD 882, the original bill.

LD: 1639 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE MAINE VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL INSTITUTES ADMINISTRATION CROWLEY JACQUES PERKINS ANDREWS
 ND: 196

HOUSE Veto Overriden
 SENATE Veto Sustained
 GOV VETO

S-206 SA DANTON H S
 S-220 SB KANY H S

SUMMARY:

LD 196, the original bill, proposed to establish a new department entitled the Department of Post-Secondary Vocational-Technical Education. Currently, vocational-technical education is a bureau within the Department of Education and Cultural Services.

The new department, unlike most other state government departments, would be administered by a 7 member board of trustees and a commissioner. Two (2) of the members of the board would represent education, 3 members would to represent business, 1 would to represent labor, and 1 would to represent health services. The Commissioner would serve as the chief executive officer of the department. He would be advised by another 7 member administrative board consisting of the Commissioner and the 6 presidents of the vocational technical institutes.