

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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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 and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

All Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor if it is a floor amendment or the designation "CA" if it is a committee amendment. If the amendment was adopted in the House, the letter H appears after the sponsor. If it was adopted in the Senate, the letter S appears.

Final action for each bill is listed to the right of the title. If final House action and Senate action differ, both are listed.

Key to Committee Reports and Floor Action:

OTP	Ought to Pass
OTP-ND	Ought to Pass in New Draft
OTP-ND-NT	Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
OTP-AM	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

SUMMARY: The bill provides the Electricians' Examining Board with the ability to waive requirements regarding education, experience or examination for those licensees who failed to renew their licenses, if application is made within 2 years of the expiration date. The House Amendment (H-495) corrects a technical error made in printing the bill.

LD AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF THE SO-CALLED PL 1985  
1765 "INTERIM BANK APPROACH" TO FACILITATE THE FOR- c. 529  
MATION OF A FINANCIAL INSTITUTION HOLDING EMERGENCY  
COMPANY

Sponsor: BRANNIGAN, Murray, Stevens, P., Kerry  
Committee Report: OTP

SUMMARY: The bill authorizes state-chartered financial institutions to use the "interim bank approach" when forming financial institution holding companies. Federally chartered banks and non-financial institutions commonly use this method when forming holding companies. The Law Court in 1970 interpreted State law as precluding this method for state-chartered financial institutions.

LD AN ACT TO INCREASE THE STATE'S DEDUCTIBLE OR PL 1985  
1773 SELF-INSURED RETENTION c. 534

Sponsor: COTE, Descoteaux, Nadeau, G.R., Boutilier  
Committee Report: OTP

SUMMARY: The bill increases the State's deductible or self-insured retention from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000. The change is necessary to meet current underwriting requirements of insurance companies since the State's property values have more than doubled since the retention level was set 15 years ago.

LD AN ACT TO AMEND THE REVISED MAINE SECURITIES PL 1985  
1774 ACT c. 617

Sponsor: MURRAY, Aliberti, Rydell, Martin, H.  
Committee Report: OTP-AM

H-578 CA H S

SUMMARY: The bill eliminates the exemptions from securities licensing for broker-dealers and sales representatives. It allows the Superintendent of Banking to deny or revoke a license of any individual who has engaged in unlawful, unethical or dishonest conduct in any business dealing with the sale of insurance, real estate or other forms of investments. It authorizes the Superintendent to require the submission of sales and advertising literature for a securities offering which is exempt from registration but not from filing for an exemption.

The Committee Amendment (H-578) narrows the authority which the original bill would have given the Superintendent to deny or revoke licenses. The amendment provides that any action against a person will be authorized only if similar action has been taken against the person's real estate, insurance or other license by a court or governmental agency. The amendment clarifies the superintendent's power to create and review exemptions from registration and allows the superintendent to waive the filing fee for registering a security or filing for an exemption in those cases where the fee would be unreasonable.

LD AN ACT TO PROTECT HOMEOWNERS AGAINST WORKERS' LVWD  
1776 COMPENSATION EXPOSURES

Sponsor: DUTREMBLE, Rydell, Aliberti, Telow  
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill requires all insurers who provide comprehensive personal liability, tenants' or homeowners' insurance to also provide coverage against liability for the named insured if a workers' compensation claim is made which arises out of employment in or about the covered residence. Although domestic employees and independent contractors are specifically exempted from the workers' compensation laws, there might be a situation where an employment relationship is found to exist.

LD AN ACT CONCERNING THE LABELING OF SEAFOOD ND LD 2194  
1810

Sponsor: SCARPINO, Holloway  
Committee Report: OTP-ND