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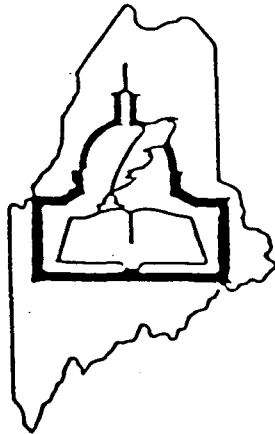
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged 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 language of the bill limits the interest which may be charged on lender credit cards to not more than 6 percentage points above the index rate. This was not the intent of the sponsor. The sponsor intended to have language in the bill that would establish a variable rate credit card system in Maine while maintaining the 18% interest rate cap.

LD AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE PREFERRED PROVIDER PL 1985
2290 ARRANGEMENTS IN MAINE AND TO ESTABLISH A CASH c. 704
RESERVE REQUIREMENT FOR HEALTH MAINTENANCE
ORGANIZATIONS

Sponsor:

Committee Report: New Draft of LD 2068

H-627 BRANNIGAN

H-644 BRANNIGAN H S

SUMMARY: The original bill, LD 2068, defines and sets forth specific financial, reporting, and operational requirements for Preferred Provider Organizations (PPO's). The bill requires utilization review, geographic accessibility, some level of reimbursement for nonpreferred providers, and yearly options to choose between health plans where more than one is offered. The bill exempts PPO's from per se violations of state antitrust laws. Health Maintenance Organizations (HMO's) are required to maintain a cash reserve under this bill.

The new draft deletes the exemption in the bill from per se antitrust violations. A provision setting the level for reimbursement for nonpreferred providers at 80% was added. The new draft also adds a section requiring employers with 25 or more employees who offer an HMO to also offer a traditional plan.

House Amendment "A" (H-627) and House Amendment "B" (H-644) both add language to clarify the 80% reimbursement provision.

LD AN ACT RELATING TO HANDLING FEES AND UNREDEEMED INDEF PP
2348 DEPOSITS IN THE RETURNABLE CONTAINER LAW

Sponsor:

Committee Report: Majority New Draft of LD 2103

H-658 ARMSTRONG

SUMMARY: See LD 2103.