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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

LD AN ACT RELATING TO HANDLING FEES AND UNREDEEMED INDEF PP
2349 DEPOSITS IN THE RETURNABLE CONTAINER LAW

Sponsor:
Committee Report: Minority New Draft of LD 2103

SUMMARY: See LD 2103.

LD AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW GIVING PROTECTION TO PL 1985
2353 SHAREHOLDERS IN MAINE CORPORATIONS c. 728

Sponsor: STEVENS, P., Warren, Priest, Chalmers
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 2164

SUMMARY: The original bill, LD 2164, repeals all of 13-A
MRSA §910. Section 910 gives protection to shareholders in
Maine corporations by requiring that all shareholders be
given the opportunity to be paid fair value for their
shares whenever a person buys a controlling interest.

The new draft does not eliminate §910 entirely. It
eliminates only the requirement in §910 that the
controlling person reimburse the shareholders for the cost
of their attorneys and experts if the controlling person
offered the shareholders less than the highest price per
share which he paid during the preceding 2 years, even
though the offer is fair.

LD AN ACT TO CORRECT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR PL 1985
2358 LICENSURE AS A MASTER ELECTRICIAN c. 734

Sponsor: VOSE, Aliberti, Diamond, G., Whitcomb
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 2186

H-716 BRANNIGAN H S

SUMMARY: The original bill, LD 2186, adds a provision that
was inadvertently left out when the law was revised in
1981. Certain persons already working toward licensure as
electricians were permitted to progress to the journeyman
level under the former law. A provision for them to
progress to the master level under the former law was
omitted.

The new draft maintains the provision in the original bill and adds two provisions which were formerly in the law. It adds a provision allowing graduates from Maine vocational-technical institutes and registered electrical apprentice programs to take the journeyman's examination immediately upon graduation. The new draft reduces the number of hours required for licensure as a journeyman from 8,000 to 4,000 for graduates of Maine vocational-technical institutes. The new draft also rewrites the subsection in current law for clarity.

The House Amendment (H-716) adds a reference to the Maine Administrative Procedure Act.

LD AN ACT RELATING TO THE SOCIAL WORKER
2370 REGISTRATION LAW

PL 1985
c. 736

Sponsor:

Committee Report: New Draft of LD 2140

H-712 BRANNIGAN H S

SUMMARY: The original bill, LD 2140, was the result of a study by the Business and Commerce Committee. The original bill clarifies the functions, supervision and educational requirements of social workers. All exemptions from licensure found in current law are removed. Three levels of licensure are established. By 1987 all new social workers will be required to have a baccalaureate degree or higher. Future educational requirements for licensure will be waived for those persons currently licensed or registered as social workers. New social workers with a baccalaureate degree and new master social workers working in a clinical setting will be required to receive 2 years of consultation (supervision) at the rate of 4 hours a month. The original bill alters the composition of the board from one public member to 2 and total membership from 8 to 7.

The new draft maintains most of the original bill, but adds new language to clarify several provisions including the one which states that use of the title of "social worker" is restricted, but not the functions of social workers. Certified Social Workers with Independent Practice will be allowed to keep their title under the new draft. All persons currently employed in social work, even those without a license, will be licensed without examination under the new draft.