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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

The House Amendment (H-712) corrects references to the Maine Administrative Procedure Act.

LD
2396

AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

PL 1985
c. 748

Sponsor: CLARK, N., Davis, Rolde, Joseph
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 2134

SUMMARY: The original bill, LD 2134, changes the name of the Department of Business, Occupational and Professional Regulation to the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation. The bill places all licensing boards within the Department. It creates a single unit to provide technical and professional services for all boards and commissions. Initial investigation of complaints are to be handled by the Attorney General's Office, but authority to dispose of or take action on complaints is to remain with the board. All boards are given authority to suspend a license up to 90 days, assess a civil penalty up to \$500 and enter into consent agreements. The separate dedicated funds are consolidated, and uniform license fees are established. The original bill also has a sunrise provision which sets standards for any group seeking licensure in the future.

The new draft keeps the sunrise provision from the original bill and the new name for the Department. Instead of placing all outside boards within the Department, they will be affiliated with the Department under the new draft. All boards are required to move to the Capital area by January 1, 1990 unless an extension is granted for reasons of undue hardship. The new draft gives all boards the authority to issue subpoenas during an investigation if approved by the Attorney General. Boards within the Department will have the authority to suspend licenses for up to 90 days, impose civil penalties up to \$500 and enter into consent agreements. All boards must go to administrative court for revocation of a license.