

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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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. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

All Adopted 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 "COMMITTEE" if it is a committee amendment.

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

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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-A	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

Sponsor: TELOW, Baldacci, Stevens, A., Sheltra  
Committee Report: OTP

SUMMARY: Because penalties for breach of a consumer goods lease may be severe, clear disclosure of terms and conditions is critical. While current federal and state laws require disclosure of key terms, there is no mandated segregation of those terms from the body of the lease contract as there is on loans and credit sales under the Truth-in-Lending Act. In a typical lease document that runs 28 inches in length, it is difficult for the average consumer to find those key terms.

This bill amends current state law by granting to the Superintendent of Consumer Credit Protection rule-making authority to specify the manner of disclosure of key lease terms.

The bill also requires disclosure of the capitalized cost of the leased property, which is the starting point for determining monthly lease payments. Current law does not require disclosure of this term. If the capitalized cost is disclosed, consumers will have the opportunity to decide if that price is an appropriate starting point for the lease contract, making it a negotiable item.

**LD** AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CREATION OF THE  
**1565** POSITION AND THE SALARY RANGE OF AN EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN  
MEDICINE

PL 1987  
c. 178

Sponsor: MARTIN, J.  
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 9

SUMMARY: The purpose of this bill is to create the positions of Executive Director and Assistant Executive Director at salary ranges of \$44,000 - \$59,000 and \$29,500 - \$42,000.

There exists a nine member Board of Registration in Medicine. The Board has broad powers and duties among which are:

1. The power to mandate, conduct and operate or contract for the operation of programs for medical education.
2. The power to conduct or contract for the operation of a financial assistance program for medical students.

3. The power to conduct examinations in medicine

Board members receive \$1,250 per year plus expenses, the chairman \$1,500 and the secretary \$7,500.

According to the most recent study by Audit and Program Review, for FY 85 the Board's year end balance was \$267,000, which can be compared with an average for boards of its type of \$60,000. Expenditures for the year were \$155,000 against an average of \$45,000. The Board had 1 full time and 3 part time employees. The Board is independent of the Dept. of Professional and Business Regulation and is housed in a private office building.

Notwithstanding a provision in the law dealing with the Board of Registration in Medicine which allows the board to set employee salaries, the Attorney General has held that those positions are in the Civil Service System and that the salary ranges are to be set by the personnel department.

This new draft authorizes the appointment of an executive director to the board who would be outside the Civil Service System and authorizes salary range 89, \$36,732 - \$53,643, for the director.

Funds and position count are included in the board's 1987-88 budget and will be covered by dedicated revenues.

LD AN ACT TO REFORM THE PHARMACY LAWS  
1581

CARRY-OVER

Sponsor: BALDACCI, Gould, R. R.  
Committee Report: CARRY-OVER

SUMMARY: This bill was submitted late in the session last year and, according to the Board of Commissioners, was withdrawn because there was inadequate time to work out the issues presented by the various interest groups.

The public hearing this year indicates that many of these problems continue. Because the bill was again received late in the session and because the Committee on Audit and Program Review is due to study this Board this summer the Committee elected to carry this bill over to the next session.