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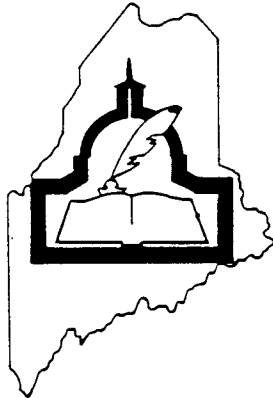
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

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: MURPHY, T., Holloway, Begley
Committee Report: OTP

SUMMARY: Maine has a Condominium Act which covers some 43 pages in statute and is taken from the model law proposed by the Commission on Uniform State Laws. It became effective Jan. 1, 1983.

This bill seeks to strike out a provision of the current law which requires municipalities to treat condominium ownership in the same fashion as any other type of ownership.

Sponsor: ALIBERTI, Berube, Allen
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 197

SUMMARY: This bill requires that manufacturers' rebates be redeemable at the retail level.

A manufacturers' rebate is a frequently used and if properly executed, appears to be a legitimate type of promotion. As is the case with many promotions, though perhaps more so in this case, the worthwhile use of rebates is calculated by the manufacturer on the basis of a very low percentage of purchasers taking advantage of it. The higher the percentage, the lower the rebate would probably have to be.

The original bill required that manufacturers rebates be redeemable at the retail level. Testimony indicates that this might well result in the unavailability of rebates to Maine consumers. Testimony also indicates that any law that required the manufacturer to conduct the rebate promotion in Maine in a significantly different fashion than in other states might well have the same result.

This new draft deals with one of the leading complaints about rebates that can be dealt with on the retailer level. It requires that rebate forms always be available for an advertised rebate, that they be at the point of display of the rebated item, and that expired rebate forms be removed in a timely fashion.