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ON  
BANKING AND INSURANCE  
JULY 1989**

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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES  
AUGUST 1989

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 for each committee.

All Adopted Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action is listed to the right of the title. If final House and Senate action differ, both are listed. Committee Reports and Floor Action are abbreviated as follows:

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

Each individual summary was prepared by the analyst assigned, as noted for each committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including Research Assistant Barbara McGinn, and secretaries: Charlene Brann, and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

Please give us your suggestions and comments on these summaries and tell us of any inaccuracies.

LD 683      **An Act to Prohibit Motor Vehicle Insurers from Adjusting  
Personal Insurance Rates of Public Works Employees Involved  
in Collisions**

PUBLIC 362

SPONSOR(S)  
RAND  
BUSTIN

COMMITTEE REPORT  
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
H-378

SUMMARY

The bill would prohibit insurers from increasing the personal insurance rates of a public works employee for an accident in the course of employment.

CA (H-378) The amendment modifies the bill so that an insurance company may not surcharge the personal automobile policy of a public works employee or a contractor serving that function for an accident that occurs when driving a municipal vehicle or other vehicle insured separately in the course and scope of employment, to provide a special designation for these offenses on the public works employee's driving record.

**LD 695      An Act Regarding the Exclusion of Family Members under a  
Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance Policy**

PUBLIC 390

SPONSOR(S)  
THERIAULT

COMMITTEE REPORT  
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
S-206

SUMMARY

Since the courts have increased the availability of lawsuits by family members against the policy owner for injuries sustained in motor vehicle accidents, there is a trend to exclude family members of the household of an insured driver from protection under the liability policy. This bill prohibits exclusion of family members other than spouses, and prohibits exclusion of the actual losses of the spouse.

CA (S-206) This amendment replaces the original bill and simply requires disclosure to the purchaser when an insurance policy excludes liability coverage for family members, with an effective date of January 1, 1990.

**LD 726      An Act to Clarify the Reporting Requirements for Workers'  
Compensation Insurers**

LV/WD

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COMMITTEE REPORT  
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

In 1987, the Legislature enacted 24-A MRSA §2371, which contains detailed statistical reporting requirements for workers' compensation insurers. The bill repeals some of the reporting requirements under Title 39, section 107 which are redundant under the new law.

This bill was withdrawn, and the issue addressed in LD 1040.