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**STATE OF MAINE
115TH LEGISLATURE**

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**BILL SUMMARIES
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AUGUST 1991

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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES
AUGUST 1991**

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 volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries.

All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H - 584 or S - 222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

PUBLIC XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
P&S XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
RESOLVE XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
CON RES XXX	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
EMERGENCY	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
CARRIED OVER	<i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	<i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
ONTP	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
LVWD	<i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>
INDEF PP	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
VETO SUSTAINED	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
UNSIGNED	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	<i>Action incomplete when 1st session ended</i>

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including secretaries: Charlene Raymond and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

LD 694

An Act to Provide a Safe Driver's Discount for Motor Vehicle Insurance

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)
RAND
KETTERER
TRACY
PARADIS J

COMMITTEE REPORT
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill requires issuers of motor vehicle liability and casualty insurance to offer safe driver discounts. The discounts apply to all drivers who have no convictions of or adjudications of involvement in traffic violations or crimes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29 and continue until a conviction or adjudication. The safe driver discount is a reduction of 25% from the normal premium.

LD 701

An Act to Provide Community Rating of Health Insurance Providers

CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S)
RYDELL
BUSTIN
KETOVER
MARTIN J

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill requires that insurers that offer group health insurance to groups of fewer than 25 members, excluding the number of dependents, and to individuals seeking coverage in connection with self-employment use community rating in their rate-setting process. When using community rating, the insurer may not vary the rate at which coverage is offered due to age, gender, family status, occupation, industry, health status or claims experience. In addition, these insurers must offer coverage and guarantee renewal to all such groups and self-employed individuals. Nonprofit medical service organizations are subject to the same requirements by operation of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 24 section 2327.

LD 705

An Act to Repeal Antirebate Laws

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)
RAND
TRACY
KETOVER
HOGLUND

COMMITTEE REPORT
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill repeals the antirebate laws for the insurance industry and allows rebates when specified, promised or provided in the insurance contract.