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**STATE OF MAINE  
115TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
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ON  
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**AUGUST 1991**

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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
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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:

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

**SPONSOR(S)**CLARK N  
THERIAULT  
HASTINGS  
GWADOSKY**COMMITTEE REPORT**

OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**H-539 MITCHELL E  
S-216**SUMMARY**

This bill clarifies that when a school unit changes its group health insurance plan or provider, retired teachers transfer automatically to the new plan or provider, unless they choose otherwise. The bill also clarifies that if a retired teacher declines the group coverage available under the new plan, the replaced plan or provider has no obligation to a retired teacher who declines the new group coverage.

This bill resolves a conflict created by 2 public laws affecting the same section of the law.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-216) clarifies that the replaced group plan or provider has no ongoing responsibility to retired teachers who elect not to participate in the new group plan or provider chosen by the school unit.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-539) restores language from the original bill that clearly states that the replaced plan or provider has no continuing responsibility to the retired teachers.

**An Act to Prohibit Financial Institutions from Selling Certain Accounts without Sufficient Notice****SPONSOR(S)**MELENDY  
COTE  
PINEAU  
KETOVER**COMMITTEE REPORT**

ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED****SUMMARY**

This bill establishes a requirement for financial institutions to provide 60 days' written notice to owners of credit card accounts or individual retirement accounts prior to the transfer of those accounts to another financial institution, including a successor institution.

**An Act to Extend the Sunset on Rating Practices in Group Health Insurance****SPONSOR(S)**MCHENRY  
RAND  
MITCHELL E  
THERIAULT**COMMITTEE REPORT**

OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

H-408

**SUMMARY**

This bill creates the Maine Health Insurance Assistance Program to provide financial assistance to Maine citizens whose health insurance costs in proportion to their wages exceed the state average. The assistance is in the form of direct payment of premiums.