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

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 1556

An Act to Unify Housing Services

PUBLIC 610 EMERGENCY

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COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

MITCHELL E **BRANNIGAN**

OTP-AM

H-568

SUMMARY

The original bill sought to consolidate housing services in the Maine State Housing Authority by transferring the State Energy Conservation Program and the Energy Extension Service from the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) to the housing authority. The bill would also have transferred administration of state standards for appliance energy efficiency and administration of housing opportunity zones from DECD to the housing authority. As a result of the transfer of housing opportunity zones, the Maine Affordable Housing Alliance and the Affordable Housing Alliance Advisory Committee would be abolished.

Committee Amendment (H-568) added an emergency preamble and an appropriation section to permit a fiscal year 1991-92 deappropriation of funds due to the loss of two positions following from abolition of the Affordable Housing Alliance. The amendment reenacted the Affordable Housing Alliance Advisory Committee within the housing authority to serve on a transition basis for one year. The advisory committee will sunset on Oct. 1, 1992. The amendment also deleted the provisions that transferred the State Energy Conservation Program, the Energy Extension Service and administration of state standards for appliance energy efficiency to the housing authority.

An Act to Provide That An Upper Age Limit May Not Be Imposed LD 1622 LV/WD By the Maine State Housing Authority

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

MILLS

LV/WD

BRANNIGAN

SUMMARY

This bill would have prevented the Maine State Housing Authority from imposing an upper age limit for persons eligible for loans from the housing authority.

An Act Concerning Amendments to the Laws Affecting the LD 1674 Finance Authority of Maine and the Maine State Housing **Authority**

PUBLIC 511 **EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

GWADOSKY

OTP-AM

H-569

KILKELLY

H-642 MELENDY

LEBOWITZ

BAILEY R

SUMMARY

The original bill amended portions of current law regarding the Finance Authority of Maine (FAME) as follows: clarifies that selection of members to serve on the authority's board may be made from among all members of the Maine Veterans' Small Business Loan Board; clarifies that the authority may purchase and resell loans it insures by creating and operating a secondary market for such loans; clarifies that the authority may enter into agreements in which businesses involved in variable rate loans may obtain protection from interest rate fluctuations; increases the number of members who serve on the Maine

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