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**STATE OF MAINE
115TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES
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HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

AUGUST 1991

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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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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.

Veterans' Small Business Loan Board, deletes the requirement that each member organization of the Maine Veterans' Coordinating Committee must be represented on the Maine Veterans' Small Business Loan Board and increases the required quorum to 5.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-569) added a fiscal note and language clarifying that certificates issued by FAME to evidence shares in a pool of mortgage loans are negotiable instruments. The amendment also changed the title by including the Maine State Housing Authority so that 3 changes could be made to statutes governing the authority. The first change permits the authority to finance all categories of intermediate care facilities for persons who are mentally retarded. An emergency preamble was added so that the provision may take effect upon enactment. The second change permits some members of the Indian Housing Mortgage Insurance Committee to designate staff to serve in their place on the committee. The third change makes technical corrections necessary for the transition of the energy conservation assistance programs formerly administered by the Division of Community Services to the housing authority.

House Amendment "A" (H-642) deleted Part C of the Committee Amendment that made technical corrections concerning transition of the energy conservation assistance program to the housing authority. The deleted language was redrafted and amended to L.D. 1924, "An Act Concerning the Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program."

LD 1680

An Act to Provide for the 1991 and 1992 Allocations of the State Ceiling on Private Activity Bonds

**P & S 28
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)
CLARK N
LEBOWITZ
GWADOSKY

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
S-273

SUMMARY

The original bill established the 1991 and 1992 allocations of the state ceiling on private activity bonds.

Committee Amendment (S-273) added a fiscal note to the bill clarifying that the allocations will not affect the general or moral obligations of the State.

LD 1756

An Act to Provide Equitable Funding Mechanisms for Regional Planning Commissions

LV/WD

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KILKELLY
HOLLOWAY

COMMITTEE REPORT
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have ensured that all general purpose support provided to regional planning commissions by state agencies be distributed equitably among all commissions. The bill would have authorized the Department of Economic and Community Development to review and approve all grants not made in support of specific projects and to require contributions to other commissions as necessary to achieve equitable funding.