

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES
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ON
BUSINESS LEGISLATION**

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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.

An Act to Amend the Minimum Requirements for Emergency Medical Technicians

SPONSOR(S)
VIGUE
CARROLL D
FARNUM

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill eliminates the mandatory requirement that a basic emergency technician pass an exam every 3 years.

Committee Amendment "A" makes certain refinements to the bill but accomplishes the same purpose.

An Act to Transfer Responsibility for the Regulation of Home Service Contracts from the Real Estate Commission to the Bureau of Insurance

SPONSOR(S)
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SHELTRA
CARLETON

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-362 CHONKO

SUMMARY

Currently, home service contracts are regulated under the jurisdiction of the Real Estate Commission pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32. This bill transfers authority for regulation of home service contracts from the Real Estate Commission to the Bureau of Insurance. This bill increases specific financial requirements for companies that offer home service warranties as follows:

<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Deposit: \$50,000	\$ 0
Reserve: 50% of annual contract fees in State	Greater of the amount necessary to pay loss and claim obligations or 50% of contract fees nationally.
Capital Funds: \$ 0	\$500,000 or 1/5th of its annual written fees nationally.

House Amendment "A" adds a fiscal note to the bill.

This bill was engrossed without reference to Committee and then referred to Committee where it was held over.