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## SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# BILL SUMMARIES JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON BANKING AND INSURANCE

**MAY 1992** 

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# ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE BILL SUMMARIES

#### **MAY 1992**

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 far right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

PUBLIC XXX
P&S XXX
RESOLVE XXX
CON RES XXX
EMERGENCY
CARRIED OVER
ONTP
LVWD
INDEF PP
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT
DIED BETWEEN BODIES
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE
VETO SUSTAINED
UNSIGNED
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT

Chapter # of enacted Public Law
Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
Chapter # of enacted Resolve
Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days
Bill carried over to Special Session
Ought Not to Pass report accepted
Leave to Withdraw report accepted
Bill Indefinitely Postponed
Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote
House and Senate disagree; bill died
Committee of Conference formed but unable to agree
Legislature filed to override Governor's Veto
Not signed by Governor within 10 days
Action incomplete when session ended; bill died

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, 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 2102

## An Act to Prohibit Unfair Rating Practices in Small Group **Health Insurance**

**PUBLIC 696** 

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COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP.

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED** 

H-1005 TAMMARO

GARLAND

RAND

**THERIAULT** 

MITCHELL E

#### SUMMARY

This bill removes the sunset clause of the law restricting the use of a small employer's own experience in the rating group health insurance and prohibits any use of a small employer's own experience in rating after January 1, 1993. The law is due to sunset on October 1, 1992.

House amendment "A", H-1005, presented on behalf of the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, makes grammatical changes in the bill.

LD 2105

An Act Regarding Loans to Stockholders, Directors or Officers of Financial Institutions

OTP-AM

PUBLIC 681

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**COMMITTEE REPORT** 

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

MAY0

**ERWIN** 

#### SUMMARY

This bill makes clear that personal responsibility and criminal liability for participation in the granting of loans in violation of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 9—B, section 439—A do not apply in the case of a financial institution that is not subject to the lending limits of Title 9-B, section 439-A.

Committee Amendment "A", H-938, clarifies the procedures to be used by financial institutions when making loans to directors or officers. It removes the application of these provisions to corporators. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 2117

## An Act Regarding Review and Evaluation of Proposed **Mandated Health Legislation**

PUBLIC 701

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**COMMITTEE REPORT** 

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

**JOSEPH** 

OTP-AM

H-941

H-938

MITCHELL E **KETOVER** CLARK N

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill repeals the Mandated Benefits Advisory Commission and eliminates all references to the commission.

This amendment allows the joint standing committee having jurisdiction over mandated health benefits to refer proposed mandates to the Bureau of Insurance for review and evaluation if there is substantial support for the proposal among members of the committee. The amendment requires review and evaluation of these proposals prior to enactment into law. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.