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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	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 Special Session
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass report accepted
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw report accepted
INDEF PP	Bill Indefinitely Postponed
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	House and Senate disagree; bill died
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE	Committee of Conference formed but unable to agree
VETO SUSTAINED	Legislature filed to override Governor's Veto
UNSIGNED	Not signed by Governor within 10 days
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	Action incomplete when session ended; bill died

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COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-1218
H-1244 MANNING

SUMMARY

This bill strengthens the laws governing lead poisoning control to increase the number of lead screenings in children and to heighten awareness of lead screening in the State. Key elements of the bill include making the current discretionary State program mandatory and requiring insurance coverage for lead screening.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-1218) replaces the original bill. Major changes from the bill include the following.

1. It restores the discretionary nature of the State's lead control program. The original bill made the program mandatory.
2. As of January 1, 1993, it requires that blood samples taken from children for lead testing be submitted to and tested by the State Health and Environmental Testing Laboratory.
3. As of July 1, 1994, it requires that preschool facilities and licensed children's homes have lead inspections.
4. As of July 1, 1994, it gives tenants and prospective tenants the right to request a lead test at the owner's expense.
5. It directs the Department of Human Services to adopt rules governing the licensure or certification of lead inspectors, lead abatement personnel, training programs and laboratories and creates penalties for those who violate those rules.
6. It directs the Bureau of Insurance to study the impact of mandating insurance coverage for lead screening and testing. The original bill mandated the coverage.
7. It requires the Real Estate Commission to revise its brochure entitled "Buyer-Seller Information" with more information on lead poisoning. The original bill required a lead warning to be printed on real estate contracts.

House Amendment "A" (H-1244) changes the definition of "owner" to specify that a mortgagee is an owner only when the mortgagee has taken actual possession of a property. The amendment also removes language that requires apartment owners to provide lead tests if tenants or prospective tenants with children request them.

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COMMITTEE REPORT
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AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-1235 MANNING
S-648

SUMMARY

This bill permits hospitals to negotiate and enter into agreements to share facilities and resources without violating antitrust laws. The bill establishes a regulatory process for the review of