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BILL SUMMARIES
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ON
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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.

The committee report or reports, the prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor in each house if one has been designated are listed below each bill title. 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:

<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>P&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>CARRIED OVER</i>	<i>Bill carried over to Second Session</i>
<i>ONTP</i>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<i>ENACTMENT FAILED</i>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i>	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference formed but unable to agree</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</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.

If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

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Joint Standing Committee on Banking & Insurance

LD 25 **An Act to Clarify Insurance Eligibility**

PUBLIC 16
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)
CONLEY

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
S-29

SUMMARY

This bill corrects an error made when the new Workers' Compensation Board was established in 1992. It restores eligibility for state group accident and sickness or health insurance for former commissioners of the Workers' Compensation Commission. It repeals eligibility for present members of the Workers' Compensation Board, as the new board members are not full-time employees of the State.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-29) clarifies that the following people are eligible for the group health plan: retired Workers' Compensation commissioners and employees of the Workers' Compensation Board who were commissioners.

LD 26 **An Act to Ensure the Viability of the Maine Employers' Mutual Insurance Company**

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
RAND

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill repeals the provision of law that excludes the Maine Employers' Mutual Insurance Company from the Maine Insurance Guaranty Association and requires the company to participate in the association.

LD 41 **An Act Permitting the Bureau of General Services to Provide Insurance to Certain Group Homes for Children and for Persons with Mental Retardation**

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
LUTHER

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill authorizes the Director of the Bureau of General Services to offer insurance services to group homes for children and to group homes for persons with mental retardation.

LD 44 **An Act to Allow 3rd-party Reimbursement for Counseling Professionals**

CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S)
MORRISON

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill provides for insurance reimbursement of licensed counselors without a requirement of referral by a physician or other health professional. The provisions apply to all policies and contracts under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 24 and Title 24-A delivered or issued for delivery on or after January 1, 1994. This bill carried over to 1994.