

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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BILL SUMMARIES
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ON
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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES**

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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:

PUBLIC XXX

P&S XXX

RESOLVE XXX

CON RES XXX

EMERGENCY

CARRIED OVER

ONTP

ENACTMENT FAILED

INDEF PP

FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT

FAILED MANDATE 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 Second Session

Ought Not to Pass report accepted

Bill failed to get majority vote

Bill Indefinitely Postponed

Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote

Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote

House & Senate disagree; bill died

Committee of Conference formed but unable to agree

Legislature failed 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.

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

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LD 1480

An Act to Reduce Energy Costs and Improve the State's Air Quality

CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S)
CLEVELAND

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

The purpose of this bill is to assert that maintenance of and improvement in the quality of the air is a primary concern to all people of the State and that market forces may be harnessed to improve air quality by fostering investment in clean, energy-efficient technologies. Provisions of the bill will reduce emissions from cars and light trucks and from the burning of fossil fuels to provide heat and light to homes and public buildings.

The bill requires a residential dwelling to have received a home energy rating before it can be the subject of a mortgage. This requirement is effective July 1, 1995.

The bill requires the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to select energy services companies to provide services to increase the energy efficiency of municipal and school buildings. The bank shall provide loans or other available funds for these energy services.

The bill also establishes a market incentive program to promote the sale of low emission motor vehicles. The program is effective on May 1, 1995.

LD 1491 An Act Concerning Preferred Provider Arrangements

CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S)
DAGGETT

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill repeals the Preferred Provider Arrangement Act of 1986 and enacts a replacement act which is intended to address certain issues created by a recent Bureau of Insurance action with respect to preferred providers in the substance abuse field. The bill does not adversely affect current mandated benefits. It addresses the ability of nonpreferred providers to continue to provide health care services if other key services are provided by other preferred providers. It also addresses a number of procedural aspects having to do with notice to providers and provider opportunity to respond. It also requires the filing of lists of possible preferred providers with the Superintendent of Insurance. It increases the filing fee from \$20 to \$2,500 reflecting the great amount of processing work necessary.

The bill provides that no preferred provider arrangement may be approved by the Superintendent of Insurance when an arrangement requires exceeding existing credentials or licensing statutes or regulations; requires in-service training in excess of statutory or regulatory requirements; has the effect of causing losses of service or revenues to key current providers; or exceeds the requirements of any existing statutory or regulatory provisions having to do with the operation of agencies or the exercise of licensure by individual providers.

The bill contains a retroactivity clause requiring the superintendent to reopen proceedings in which preferred providers had been approved under the Preferred Provider Arrangement Act of 1986.