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

MAY 1994

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, 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

ONTP

INDEF PP

FAILED ENACTMENT

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

Ought Not to Pass report accepted

Bill Indefinitely Postponed

Bill failed to get majority vote

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 unable to agree; bill died

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

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-884) accomplishes the following.

1. It adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill.
2. It makes changes in some of the licensing fees.
3. It deletes the reference to 15 days and requires the payment of licensing fees prior to the insurer's agents' expiration dates.
4. It allows the individual to be covered by a bond of \$10,000 or a blanket bond of \$25,000.
5. It requires a report from the Bureau of Insurance to the joint standing committee of the Legislature have jurisdiction over banking and insurance matters on the financial affect of the license fee changes by April 1, 1996.
6. It adds a fiscal note.
7. This amendment also conforms existing law to current drafting standards.

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-931) restricts the requirement for powers of attorney attached to bonds. It creates an exemption for bonds executed by an officer of the insurer.

LD 1938 **An Act to Permit Short-term Health Insurance Policies** ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT		AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BUTLAND	ONTP	MAJ	
	OTP	MIN	

SUMMARY

This bill exempts short-term, individual health insurance policies from requirements relating to guaranteed renewal and continuity of coverage.

LD 1954 **An Act to Continue Health Care Reform in Maine and Prepare for Federal Reforms** INDEF PP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT		AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CARLETON	ONTP	MAJ	
	OTP-AM	MIN	

SUMMARY

Part A of this bill establishes the Maine Health Resource Management Council. The council shall undertake a wide range study of all aspects of the health system in the State with a goal of preparing the State for health care reforms, including reforms being proposed at the federal level. The council exists from May 1, 1994 to February 6, 1996.

Part B of the bill accomplishes the following:

1. Limits to \$500 penalties for failure to comply with the notification provision of a utilization review program;
2. Applies the same requirements concerning guaranteed issue and community rating that currently apply to small employer health insurance and individual health insurance to group coverage that is not related to employment, such as certain association groups;