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**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION BEFORE
THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES**

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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing 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 publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, is helpful in determining to which committee any particular bill was referred.

In this document, 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 categories of final action are abbreviated as follows:

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

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. If more detailed information is needed on a bill, contact the committee analyst.

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4. Part D of the bill consolidates the staff, powers and responsibilities of the Maine Health Care Finance Commission into the newly created Maine Health Care Agency as of January 1, 1997. On that date, the commission is abolished and the Maine Health Care Agency and Maine Health Care Council assume all of the former commission's powers and duties. The hospital assessment formerly collected to fund the commission is abolished.
5. Part E of the bill establishes the salaries of the members of the Maine Health Care Council and the executive director of the Maine Health Care Agency.
6. Part F of the bill prohibits the sale on the commercial market of health insurance policies and contracts that duplicate the coverage provided by the Maine Health Care Plan. It allows the sale of health care policies and contracts that do not duplicate and are supplemental to the coverage of the Maine Health Care Plan.
7. Part G of the bill imposes a 5¢ per package increase in the cigarette tax beginning December 1, 1995. Proceeds from the cigarette tax increase are paid to the Maine Health Care Trust Fund.
8. Part H of the bill directs the Maine Health Care Agency to ensure employment retraining for administrative workers employed by insurers and providers who are displaced by the transition to the Maine Health Care Plan. It directs the Maine Health Care Agency to study the delivery and financing of long-term care services to plan members. Consultation is required with the Maine Health Care Plan Transition Advisory Committee, representatives of consumers and potential consumers of long-term care services and representatives of providers of long-term care services, employers, employees and the public. A report to the Legislature is due January 1, 1998.

The Maine Health Care Agency is directed to study the provision of health care services under the Medicaid and Medicare programs, waivers, coordination of benefit delivery and compensation, reorganization of State Government necessary to accomplish the objectives of the Maine Health Care Agency and legislation needed to carry out the purposes of the bill. The agency is directed to apply for all waivers required to coordinate the benefits of the Maine Health Care Plan and the Medicaid and Medicare programs. A report is due to the Legislature by March 1, 1997.

9. Part I of the bill declares the Legislature's intent to abolish the Bureau of Health and the Bureau of Medical Services and to transfer their powers, responsibilities, programs, staff and resources to the Maine Health Care Agency by January 1, 1997. The agency is directed to work with the Commissioner of Human Services to prepare all necessary legislation and submit it to the Legislature by December 1, 1996.

LD 724

**An Act Regarding the Disclosure of Financial Information
by Federally or State-chartered Credit Unions**

PUBLIC 86

SPONSOR(S)

RAND

COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

S-53

SUMMARY

This bill clarifies that a disclosure of records made under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 4314 does not violate the State's requirements with respect to confidential financial records and also clarifies that federally and state-chartered credit unions are required to comply with the provisions of the disclosure laws.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-53) adds a fiscal note to the bill.