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**STATE OF MAINE
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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

**BILL SUMMARIES
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ON
BANKING AND INSURANCE**

JULY 1999

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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing and Select Committees
August 1999

We are pleased to provide this summary of all bills that were considered by the Joint Standing and Select Committees of the Maine Legislature this past session. The document is a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill and relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken. Also included are statistical summaries of bill activity this session for the Legislature and each of its joint standing and select committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is organized by committees and within committees by bill (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed by paper number. Two indices, a subject index and a numerical index by LD number are provided for easy reference to bills. They are located at the back of the document. A separate publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, may also be helpful in providing information on the disposition of bills. These bill summaries also are available at the Law and Legislative Reference Library and on the Internet (www.state.me.us/legis/opla).

Final action on each bill is noted to the right of the bill title. The abbreviations used for various categories of final action are as follows:

CARRIED OVER.....Bill carried over to Second Regular Session
CON RES XXX..... Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE.....Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died
DIED BETWEEN BODIES.....House & Senate disagree; bill died
DIED IN CONCURRENCE..... One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT.....Action incomplete when session ended; bill died
EMERGENCY..... Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days
ENACTMENT FAILED..... Bill failed to get vote required for enactment or final passage
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY..... Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died
INDEF PP.....Bill Indefinitely Postponed
ONTP..... Ought Not To Pass report accepted
OTP ND..... Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft
OTP ND/NT..... Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title
P&S XXX..... Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
PUBLIC XXX..... Chapter # of enacted Public Law
RESOLVE XXX..... Chapter # of finally passed Resolve
UNSIGNED.....Bill held by Governor
VETO SUSTAINED.....Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is September 18, 1999.

10. Right of enrollees to sue health plans.

See related bills LD 750, 1619 and 1890.

LD 634

Resolve, to Direct the Superintendent of Insurance to Evaluate a Separate Workers' Compensation Classification Code for Milk Haulers

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
NUTTING J JACOBS	ONTP	

LD 634 proposed to require the Superintendent of Insurance to evaluate whether workers' compensation classification systems should contain a separate classification for milk haulers.

LD 649

An Act to Allow the Use of the 1990 American Dental Association Form for Submission of Insurance Claims

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RUHLIN	ONTP	

LD 649 proposed to require that nonprofit hospital, medical and health care service organizations, insurers and health maintenance organizations accept the submission of the 1990 American Dental Association standard claim form for dental insurance claims. This bill was an emergency and would have taken effect when enacted.

LD 750

An Act to Establish a Patient's Bill of Rights

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAXL J LAFOUNTAIN		

LD 750 incorporates into law many of the provisions contained in the proposed federal patient bill of rights legislation. The provisions govern the following:

1. Coverage of emergency services;
2. Access to out-of-network providers;
3. Access to obstetrical and gynecological care;
4. Access to specialty care;
5. Continuity of care;
6. Access to prescription drugs;