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**STATE OF MAINE
119TH LEGISLATURE**

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.

LD 1112**An Act to Allow Insurance for Drivers of Multiple Vehicles****ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> DUNLAP	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1112 proposed to allow owners of multiple motor vehicles to obtain motor vehicle liability insurance for the number of licensed drivers in a family rather than the number of motor vehicles subject to certain conditions.

LD 1119**An Act to Ensure that Emergency Mental Health Services are a Covered Benefit****ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> KANE	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1119 proposed to require that nonprofit hospital and medical service organizations, health insurers and health maintenance organizations that provide coverage for emergency mental health services rendered in hospital emergency rooms and mobile units also provide coverage for emergency mental health services provided outside the hospital in community settings. It would have applied to all individual and group policies and contracts issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2000.

LD 1127**Resolve, to Study Maine's Individual Health Insurance Market****ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SAXL J LAFOUNTAIN	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1127 proposed to create a task force to study, and recommend steps to improve, the availability and affordability of individual health insurance in the State.

This bill was submitted on behalf of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation.

LD 1135**An Act to Ensure that a Person with Pervasive Development Disorder is Not Penalized under the Insurance Laws****ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MACDOUGALL PARADIS	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1135 proposed to prohibit the imposition of a preexisting condition exclusion relating to pervasive development disorder in individual and group health insurance policies.