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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
STATE GOVERNMENT
BILL SUMMARY



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1427 AN ACT TO INSURE FAIRNESS IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNITED STATES SOCIAL SECURITY ACT BY THE STATE DISABILITY DETERMINATION SERVICES Andrews LV/WD

SUMMARY: ID 1427 intended to disclose the practices and attitudes of the Disability Determination Services within the Department of Human Services. The Disability Determination Services argued that DDS is required to use the Program Operation Manual System (POMS) which are more restrictive than the rules adopted in the Federal Register. As a result, administrative court judges overturn 60-70% of the DDS decisions.

Pine Tree Legal Association on the other hand indicated that while the different sets of rules are indeed a problem, the issue pertains also to medical decisions based on no substantiating evidence, a lack of sufficient and adequately trained personnel, and a negative attitude toward disability assistance applicants. Pine Tree Legal supported the proposal for a 12 member commission to investigate DDS.

In Congress, there are 2 bills designed to resolve the discrepancy between the two sets of rules. In addition, Massachusetts is conducting a study of the issue.

1437 RESOLVE, PROVIDING FOR A STUDY OF A MAINE PRODUCT MARKETING STRATEGY AND A MAINE BUSINESS PRODUCT LOGO Michael PASS - RESOLVE 25

SUMMARY: Please refer to LD 507.

1448 AN ACT TO RESTRICT REIMBURSEMENT OF MILEAGE TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS TO NO MORE THAN THAT RECEIVED BY STATE EMPLOYEES Gwadosky ENACT. PL 209

SUMMARY: Please refer to LD 1311.

1468 RESOLUTION, PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF MAINE TO REQUIRE THAT LEGISLATORS BE SENT NOTIFICATION SEVEN CALENDAR DAYS IN ADVANCE OF SPECIAL SESSIONS Armstrong

SUMMARY: Please refer to LD 764.

1469 AN ACT TO PROMOTE APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES IN STATE GOVERNMENT AND TO ASSIST QUALIFIED RECIPIENTS OF AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN TO COMPETE Mitchell, E. ENACT. PL 260

SUMMARY: Please refer to LD 789.

1477 AN ACT TO REQUIRE ANY APPLICANT FOR GUARANTEED LOANS FROM THE MAINE Carter LV/WD