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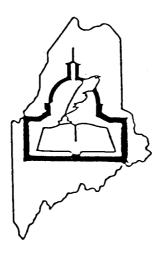
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES
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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES BILL SUMMARY



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ENACTED

(COMMITTEE REPORT)

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AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE MAINE Bustin OTP-ND
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ID 2293
TREATMENT ACT OF 1982 WITH
RESPECT TO TRANSPORTATION OF
NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

SUMMARY: The intent of the bill was to allow nursing homes to transport residents for non-medical purposes, without having to be licensed as ambulances. However, the limiting conditions were not specified in the bill.

The Committee agreed to specify these conditions, and did so in a new draft, ID 2293.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO Bustin OTP-ND
ASSURE APPROPRIATE PLACEMENT AND SERVICE PROVISION
TO STATE-ASSISTED RESIDENTS
OF BOARDING HOMES AND ADULT
FOSTER HOMES

SUMMARY: At the hearing, a redraft of LD 1843 was presented; it had a lower appropriation, and specified a requirement for an assessment to be performed before a person eligible for state assistance for boarding home care or foster care was admitted to such a facility. The assessment would be performed by the Department of Human Services who, together with the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, would report biennially to the Health & Institutional Services Committee.

The proposal for an assessment system came from the 1981-82 Boarding Home Study Committee, and was endorsed by the 1983 Blaine House Conference on Aging. The mild opposition came from people concerned about the cost of the bill, and possible duplication of effort.