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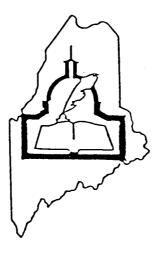
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BILL SUMMARY



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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES 111th Legislature, Second Regular Session

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(COMMITTEE REPORT)

ID	TITLE	SPONSOR	DISPOSITION
1862	AN ACT CONCERNING CHARGES FOR COPIES OF PERSONAL HOSPITAL RECORDS	Jacques	LV/WD HSE-ACCPT LV/WD SEN-ACCPT LV/WD

SUMMARY: The bill amended existing law, which allows hospitals to charge "reasonable costs" for copies of medical records, by specifying the charge should not exceed 10 cents/page.

The testimony against the bill centered on the specificity and inadequacy of 10 cents; hospital records staff explained the process involved in finding and copying a record. Some hospitals do have a sliding scale, depending on the number of pages to be copied.

The Committee asked the Health Care Finance Commission if they would establish the charges for copying records; the Commission declined to do so.

1945	AN ACT TO REVISE THE MAINE	Rolde	MAJ -ONTP
	CERTIFICATE OF NEED ACT FOR		MI N-OTP
	HOSPITALS		HSE-ACCPT ONTP
			SEN-ACCPT ONTP

SUMMARY: The bill would have removed hospitals from the provisions of the Certificate of Need Act. It also amended the sections of the law governing new health services, to require CON review only if the capital expenditure was over \$350,000 or if the annual operating costs were over \$300,000 in the first full fiscal year, instead of the 3rd fiscal year. It eliminated any other basis for the review of a health service.

After some discussion on the "new health services" issue, the Committee agreed not to amend the CON Act in these areas.

1958	AN ACT TO ASSURE ACTIVE	Gill	LV/WD
	TREATMENT OF MENTALLY RETARDED		HSE-ACCPT LV/WD
	PEOPLE IN INTERMEDIATE CARE		SEM-ACCPT LV/WD
	FACILITIES AND SKILLED NURSING		
	CARE FACILITIES		

SUMMARY: The bill mandated compliance with Federal requirements for active treatment of mentally-retarded residents of nursing homes.

The Department of Human Services said they were proposing rules for active treatment; at the Committee's suggestion, the rules were put into place immediately.