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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the Second Regular Session of the 111th Legislature. The summaries are arranged alphabetically, and indexed separately by committee.

2314 AN ACT TO REPEAL THE
LAW REQUIRING ADULT CHILDREN
TO CARE FOR PARENTS ACCORDING
TO ABILITY

Kelleher

ND ID 1815
ENACT PL, C. 701

SUMMARY: The original bill repealed a section of the domestic relations statutes which required adult children living or owning property in Maine to care for their parents according to their financial ability.

The new draft removes other statutory provisions in the domestic relations, general assistance and mental retardation statutes requiring adult children to care for their parents. The bill also clarifies that when a person eligible for general assistance dies, the dead person's children may be held responsible for the burial costs.

2316 AN ACT TO CLARIFY DISABILITY
RETIREMENT PROVISIONS

Hickey

LV/WD

SUMMARY: Would have required consideration of ability to do work offering comparable pay before a disability retirement benefit may be granted; reduced the period for review of a recipient's capacity to perform any substantially gainful work from 5 to 3 years; allowed the retirement system to enter agreements to provide rehabilitation services; allowed a recipient to continue to receive a disability allowance for 9 months after returning to work; provided for reinstatement as a disability recipient for up to 5 years after returning to work if disabled by the original condition; and made changes in the earnings allowed while receiving a disability allowance. Permission was requested to study the issue.