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ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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BILL SUMMARIES
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STATE OF MAINE
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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
HEALTH AND INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES
BILL SUMMARY



MAY, 1984

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2386 AN ACT AMENDING THE CHILD
AND FAMILY SERVICES AND
CHILD PROTECTION ACT

HSE-ENACT
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PL 83, c. 783

SUMMARY: The Majority Committee Report redrafted the original bill, LD 1996, including the Department of Human Services' language prohibiting further distribution of records, and enacting a new penalty section for unlawful dissemination of confidential records. The penalty now included the option of imprisonment for up to 30 days. The clarification that there was no immunity from criminal or civil action because of perjury was also added.

The House Amendment (H-660) reflects the continuing concern of the Maine Press Association; it struck the outright prohibition on further dissemination, and replaced it with the requirement that confidential records released by the department can only be used for the purpose intended when they were released.

2388 AN ACT TO ASSURE APPROPRIATE
PLACEMENT AND SERVICE PRO-
VISION TO STATE ASSISTED
RESIDENTS OF BOARDING HOMES
AND ADULT FOSTER HOMES

HSE-ENACT
SEN-ENACT
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PL 83, c. 844

SUMMARY: The new draft of LD 1843 specified the assessment process, an intake and referral system, and the promulgation of rules for their implementation.

It also established funding for case managers in the Bureau of Mental Health and Bureau of Maine's Elderly. Finally, it required a biennial report on the intake and referral system, the placements made and gaps in services.

2393 AN ACT TO AMEND THE JUDICIAL Murray
COMMITMENT STATUTE

OTP
HSE-EMER ENACT
SEN-EMER ENACT
GOV-EMER SIGNED
PL 83, c. 763

SUMMARY: The bill closes a loophole in current provisions for judicial commitment to a mental retardation facility, which allows the District Court to consider only treatment as a criterion. It adds that the Court may make a determination that judicial commitment is the best means for the security of the client.