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ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
HUMAN RESOURCES
BILL SUMMARY



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BILL SUMMARIES
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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 First Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number and indexed separately by committee.

LD:

533

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A DOWNEAST EMERGENCY
MEDICAL SERVICES REGIONAL OFFICE TO SERVE
HANCOCK AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES

BROWN L
PERKINS
VOSE
FOSTER

HOUSE Ref'd to Committee
SENATE Ref'd to Committee
GOV

SUMMARY:

This bill established a separate emergency medical services region for Hancock and Washington Counties. They are currently served by the Bangor regional office. This bill was held over until the next session.

LD: 552 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A DIVISION OF DEAFNESS
WITHIN THE BUREAU OF REHABILITATION

HICHENS
KANY
MATTHEWS Z
PUBLIC
CH # 160

OTP-AM

HOUSE Enacted
SENATE Enacted
GOV SIGNED

S-53 CA

H S

SUMMARY:

Since 1974 the Bureau of Rehabilitation has provided leadership in establishing necessary services for the deaf and hearing impaired other than those generally provided by the vocational rehabilitation program. The Bureau currently provides vocational rehabilitation services, interpreter services, telecommunications devices for the deaf, identification cards for individuals, hearing ear dogs, a registry of deaf persons, information and referral services, and advocacy on behalf of deaf persons.

This bill established a Division of Deafness within the Bureau as a focal point for those activities. It also codified the responsibilities of the newly created Division, including the registry for deaf persons.

The committee amendment (S-53) added language to ensure that the registry maintained by the department is a voluntary listing of individuals and that no one is required to be listed on the registry.