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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON

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BILL SUMMARY



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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE BILL SUMMARIES MAY 1986

This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

All Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor if it is a floor amendment or the designation "CA" if it is a committee amendment. If the amendment was adopted in the House, the letter H appears after the sponsor. If it was adopted in the Senate, the letter S appears.

Final action for each bill is listed to the right of the title. If final House action and Senate action differ, both are listed.

Key to Committee Reports and Floor Action:

Ought to Pass OTP Ought to Pass in New Draft OTP-ND Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title OTP-ND-NT Ought to Pass as Amended OTP-AM Ought Not to Pass ONTP Leave to Withdraw LVWD Indefinitely Postponed INDEF PP

Sponsor: GILL, Rolde, Rydell, Nelson Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill sought to amend the Health Care Finance Act to address the standard of revenue calculation for hospitals coming into operation after its enactment by the following:

- 1. to allow a budget methodology consistent with the approval process of a voluntary budget review organization.
- 2. to require the commission to verify that base year financial requirements for hospitals satisfy the criteria of section 396, sub-section 2 of Title 22.
- 3. to require that every party in a commission proceeding introduce all of his evidence before decisions are made.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE A REASONABLE INCREASE FOR LD 2046 STATE REIMBURSEMENT TO BOARDING CARE FACILITIES TO ALLOW FOR PERIODIC COST-OF-LIVING ADJUST-MENTS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

ND LD 2292 & 2293

Sponsor: VIOLETTE, Martin J, Nadeau G G, Carroll Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 2292 (Majority) OTP-ND LD 2293 (Minority)

SUMMARY: This bill sought to:

- repeal the flat rate system of reimbursement that is now utilized by the Department of Human Services with respect to boarding care facilities of 6 beds or less that are not exclusively for mentally retarded residents. All other boarding homes are currently reimbursed based upon the reasonable cost of providing services to their residents. It also directed the department to increase annually the average boarding home reimbursement to allow for inflation; and
- require the department to pay interest on any underpayments made to boarding care facilities after a reasonable time for audit.

Both new drafts deleted the interest payment provisions. See new drafts, LD 2292 and 2293, for the details of the majority and minority reports.