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BILL SUMMARY



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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. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

All Adopted 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 "COMMITTEE" if it is a committee amendment.

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

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Key to Committee Reports and Floor Action:

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

LD AN ACT TO STREAMLINE THE DELIVERY OF RESIDENTIAL  
422 TREATMENT SERVICES TO CHILDREN IN NEED

PL 1987  
c. 432  
EMERGENCY

Sponsor: ROLDE, Foster, Clark M, Gill  
Committee Report: OTP-A  
Amendments Adopted:  
H-277 COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: The original bill sought to streamline the contract procedures between the state and the residential treatment centers that provide services to children in need of special treatment. The committee amendment (H-277) revised the contract procedure for residential treatment centers by providing an incentive for the state to offer, in good faith, a contract by July 1st of each year.

LD AN ACT TO PROVIDE QUALIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT  
464 SERVICES

ND LD 1604

Sponsor: CLARK, N., Brannigan, Carroll, Allen  
Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 1604

SUMMARY: This bill addresses the difficulties experienced in hiring and retaining qualified nursing assistants in nursing homes. The original bill establishes a single source of certification for nursing assistants, establishes a register of certified nursing assistants (CNA), requires incentive payments for facilities recruiting and retaining CNA's, and addresses minimum staffing patterns. The new draft deleted the incentive payments and required that one member of the State Board of Nursing be currently practicing long-term care nursing.

LD AN ACT TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF ELIGIBILITY  
465 UNDER THE ELDERLY LOW-COST DRUG PROGRAM

ND LD 1357

Sponsor: BERUBE, Stevens A, Gill, Hickey  
Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 1357

SUMMARY: This bill allows households of 2 or more persons to qualify for the Elderly Low-cost Drug Program, even if their combined incomes exceed the statutory limitations, if each member's income does not exceed the limitation established for individuals. The new draft corrects the wording of the original bill and added an appropriation section, fiscal note and effective date.