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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 PROVIDE A BASE-YEAR BUDGET CORRECTION  
913 ADJUSTMENT FOR HOSPITAL FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS

PL 1987  
c. 51  
EMERGENCY

Sponsor: TWITCHELL, Jackson  
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 162

SUMMARY: This new draft gave the Health Care Finance Commission more flexibility in responding to the concerns expressed by hospitals whose base-year budgets, as approved by the Voluntary Budget Review Organization, are less than the total amount that was actually expended in that year. The bill authorized a new adjustment that may be made to a hospital's financial requirements in the 3rd or subsequent payment year.

LD AN ACT TO PERMIT THE MAINE HEALTH CARE FINANCE  
914 COMMISSION TO CONSIDER THE SPECIAL NEEDS AND  
CIRCUMSTANCES OF HOSPITALS WHICH SERVE SPECIAL  
POPULATION GROUPS AND TO PERMIT ESTABLISHMENT  
OF COMMUNITY POOLS FOR FREE CARE

LVWD

Sponsor: PRAY, Foster, Rolde, Gill  
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill would have authorized community pools for allocation of charity care to eligible individuals and would have authorized special considerations under the Health Care Finance Commission Act for Jackson Brook Institute

LD RESOLVE, CREATING THE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE  
952 USE OF INVOLUNTARY SERVICES FOR SUBSTANCE  
ABUSERS

RESOLVE 1987  
c. 72  
EMERGENCY

Sponsor: MATTHEWS, Bustin, Rolde, Foster  
Committee Report: OTP-A  
Amendments Adopted:  
S-160 COMMITTEE  
S-247 PEARSON

SUMMARY: This bill created a commission to examine and propose recommendations to improve the laws concerning the involuntary commitment of substance abusers to treatment programs, including current practices under the laws; the enforcement of current laws; whether the laws apply to the full range of persons intended to be served by the laws; and whether clients' rights are sufficiently recognized and protected. The commission was funded from the Alcohol Premium Fund and staffed by the Department of Human Services.