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**BILL SUMMARIES
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BILL SUMMARIES
AUGUST 1991**

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 volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries.

All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H - 584 or S - 222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

PUBLIC XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
P&S XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
RESOLVE XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
CON RES XXX	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
EMERGENCY	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
CARRIED OVER	<i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	<i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
ONTP	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
LVWD	<i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>
INDEF PP	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
VETO SUSTAINED	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
UNSIGNED	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	<i>Action incomplete when 1st session ended</i>

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including secretaries: Charlene Raymond and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources

LD 16 **An Act to Ensure Smoke-free Areas in the Workplace** **ONTP**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
TRACY MANNING	ONTP	

SUMMARY

Current law requires employers to establish a written policy that prohibits smoking except in designated smoking areas. This bill requires that designated smoking areas in workplaces be structurally enclosed.

LD 29 **An Act to Expand the Elderly Low Cost Drug Program** **LV/WD**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
LARRIVEE	LV/WD	

SUMMARY

The bill adds kidney disease medication to the categories of drugs covered under the Low Cost Drugs for the Elderly Program.

LD 48 **An Act to Amend the Elderly Low-cost Drug Program** **LV/WD**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BALDACCI DUFFY RUHLIN	LV/WD	

SUMMARY

The bill adds Alzheimer's disease medication to the categories of drugs covered under the Low Cost Drugs for the Elderly Program.

LD 64 **An Act to Provide Funds for Women with Substance Abuse Problems** **P & S 18**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MATTHEWS CARTER BUSTIN	OTP-AM	S-182

SUMMARY

This bill provides funds to develop a halfway house in Winslow, Maine for women with substance abuse problems.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-182) replaces the bill and directs the Office of Substance Abuse to develop a needs assessment for chemically dependent women, seek federal demonstration project grants and assist private agencies to seek grants for projects for chemically dependent women. It also adds a fiscal note to the bill.