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AND
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**BILL SUMMARIES
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ON
HUMAN RESOURCES**

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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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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.

LD 80 An Act Concerning Monitoring and Inspection of Boarding Homes LV/WD

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BRAWN LV/WD
BUSTIN
DUPLESSIS

SUMMARY

The bill provides funding for 4 additional Social Services Program Specialist I positions and 2 Casework Supervisors to assist in the inspection and licensing of boarding homes for people who are older or disabled.

LD 117 An Act to Create a Fund to Pay Certain Costs of Drugs Used to Treat Mental Illness ONTP

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
TWITCHELL ONTP

SUMMARY

This bill expands medicaid coverage for clozapine to include people who live in community settings and have not been hospitalized. Clozapine has recently become available in the United States for the treatment of people with chronic mental illness. The bill also establishes a fund to purchase clozapine for people with mental illness who are not eligible for medicaid and have no other means of purchasing the drug.

LD 118 An Act to Meet the Increasing Critical Need for Visits by Maternal and Child Health Care Nurses to the Homes of Multiproblem Families LV/WD

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
FOSTER LV/WD
PENDLETON
HOLT

SUMMARY

The bill provides a General Fund appropriation for 12 additional community health nurses to supplement funds currently available through the federal Maternal and Child Health Block Grant.

LD 129 An Act to Enhance the Transition from Special Education Programs to Adult Services LV/WD

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

SUMMARY

This bill provides funds to the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation for people with mental retardation who are in transition from school to work. The funds are administered through a voucher system.