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**BILL SUMMARIES
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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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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 314 An Act to Facilitate the Participation of Community Hospitals in the Development of Mental Health Services

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MITCHELL E MANNING GILL SIMONDS	LV/WD	

SUMMARY

This bill allows hospitals to proceed with the development of mental health services regardless of the size of the Hospital Development Account. Hospitals that receive certificates of need for mental health projects may develop them and receive adjustments to their financial requirements.

LD 324 An Act to Facilitate Physician Access to Ambulatory Surgical Facilities

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
GARLAND PINES DUPLESSIS	LV/WD	

SUMMARY

Presently a private ambulatory surgical facility may not allow practitioners from outside the practice to use the facility without first obtaining a certificate of need from the Department of Human Services. The bill allows a private ambulatory facility to contract with outside practitioners without being subject to the certificate of need law.

LD 330 An Act to Increase Funding to Programs Dealing with Domestic Violence

INDEF PP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MANNING JOSEPH BRANNIGAN PARADIS J	OTP-AM	H-179 S-121 BRANNIGAN

SUMMARY

This bill increases the fee for obtaining a marriage license from \$10 to \$50, and earmarks the increase to fund domestic violence programs through the Department of Human Services. Three dollars of the increase is kept by the collecting municipality to cover administrative costs. A fee waiver is provided for those who can not afford the license fee.

Committee Amendment "B" (H-179) removes the provision from the original bill that limits the expenditure of funds to the operation of shelters or safe homes, allowing domestic violence programs to use the funds for outreach and other services. It also decreases the marriage license fee from \$50, as proposed in the original bill, to \$45 and allows municipalities to retain a larger share of the increase. The original bill's fee-waiver provision is eliminated. The amendment also increases the fee for the first copy of a birth, marriage or death certificate from \$5 to \$10. It also adds an allocation section and a fiscal note to the bill.

Senate Amendment "C" (S-121) amends Committee Amendment "B" by removing the dedication of the marriage license fee increase and depositing the increased revenue to the General Fund.