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**STATE OF MAINE
115TH LEGISLATURE**

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AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES
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ON
HUMAN RESOURCES**

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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
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.

LD 375 An Act to Establish a Crisis Intervention System for Children and Families

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BRANNIGAN	LV/WD	
CARROLL D		
CLARK N		
GILL		

SUMMARY

This bill provides funds for 8 new staff positions in the Bureau of Children with Special Needs to provide crisis intervention services for children with special needs in 2 regions of the State.

LD 379 An Act to Increase the Funding Level for Congregate Housing

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MCCORMICK	LV/WD	
AULT		
KILKELLY		
NORTON		

SUMMARY

The bill provides additional funds to the Department of Human Services for congregate housing services for older people in subsidized housing.

LD 381 An Act to Provide Mental Health Services to the Elderly

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MANNING	LV/WD	
DORE		
CARROLL D		
WENTWORTH		

SUMMARY

This bill provides funds to expand throughout the state certain programs which provide mental health services for older people. Those programs are the Geriatric Mental Health Resource Program, the Mobile Psycho-Geriatric Assessment and Consultation Team and the Geriatric Education and Resource Outreach Program.

LD 401 An Act to Increase the Availability of Funding for Health Care

PUBLIC 50

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
DORE	OTP-AM	H-49
CLEVELAND		
MAHANY		
SIMONDS		

SUMMARY

The bill allows community mental health facilities to seek funding through the Maine Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority Act. This broadens the type of facility for which the Authority may