

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**BILL SUMMARIES  
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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 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:

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

**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 AULT KILKELLY NORTON	LV/WD	

**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 DORE CARROLL D WENTWORTH	LV/WD	

**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 CLEVELAND MAHANY SIMONDS	OTP-AM	H-49

**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