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**BILL SUMMARIES
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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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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.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-82) replaces the original bill. Rather than limiting hospital licensure to acute care units of state mental health institutes, the amendment requires the Department of Human Services to adopt licensing rules that are specific to the unique characteristics of the state mental health institutes. The amendment also allows the Department of Human Services to extend the provisional licenses of the institutes until the new rules are adopted. The amendment also adds an emergency preamble and fiscal note to the bill.

LD 574 An Act to Provide More Adequate Funding for Contracted Human LV/WD
Service Programs

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CARROLL D FOSTER	LV/WD	

SUMMARY

This bill makes appropriations to the Department of Corrections, the Department of Human Services and the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation to provide cost-of-living increases for contracted social services in accordance with the increase in the Consumer Price Index.

LD 578 An Act to Ensure That Inflationary and Demographic Trends LV/WD
Are Reflected in Home-based Care Funding

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BRANNIGAN MANNING CONLEY GILL	LV/WD	

SUMMARY

This bill annually indexes funds for the in-home and community support services program to reflect an increase in the number of people between the ages of 75 and 85, wage inflation and an increase in the length or intensity of services that are attributable to advances in medical technology. The program provides in-home services to people who are older or who have a physical disability.

LD 579 An Act to Appropriate Funds for At-risk Youths and Families CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BRANNIGAN CHONKO POULIOT DUTREMBLE L		

SUMMARY

This bill provides funds in fiscal year 1992-93 for prevention and support services in public housing projects in the Portland area. The bill has been carried over to the Second Regular Session.