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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 592      An Act to Appropriate Funds to the Aroostook Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council      LV/WD**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MARTIN J COLLINS PARADIS J MACBRIDE	LV/WD	

**SUMMARY**

This bill provides funds to the Office of Substance Abuse to fund the activities of the Aroostook Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council.

**LD 595      An Act to Continue Support for the Maine Hospice Council and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of the Maine Hospice Council      PUBLIC 145**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CHONKO MARTIN J KILKELLY GAUVREAU	OTP-AM	H-159

**SUMMARY**

The bill clarifies that the Maine Hospice Council shall submit a budget that enables it to carry out its statutory responsibilities. The bill provides funds to the Maine Hospice Council.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-159) removes the appropriation to the Council.

**LD 598      An Act Concerning Payment of Services for Mentally Disadvantaged Minors      ONTP**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
KUTASI WENTWORTH PENDEXTER TWITCHELL	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill requires the court to determine the amount that parents can afford to contribute to the cost of their childrens' care when the Bureau of Mental Retardation is appointed guardian. The amount determined by the court is paid to the Bureau of Mental Retardation. Currently, a parent is no longer financially responsible when the Bureau becomes guardian.