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

Upon reconsideration, Committee Amendment "B" (H-631) was reported unanimously. It replaces the on-line, automated liquid and gaseous effluent monitoring systems required by the original bill with an enhancement of the current radiation monitoring system to allow 24-hour-per-day coverage of monitors. Fees paid by the Maine Yankee Nuclear Power Plant are increased in fiscal year 1991-92 to pay for new equipment required. This amendment also provides for a study of the adequacy of existing radiation monitoring systems in place at Maine Yankee Nuclear Power Plant.

LD 817 An Act to Expedite Repairs of Equipment Needed by Supplemental Security Income Recipients LV/WD

SPONSOR(S) TITCOMB BUSTIN LARRIVEE MELENDY	COMMITTEE REPORT LV/WD	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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SUMMARY

When this bill was presented, prior approval was required for any Medicaid-funded repair of equipment that cost more than \$100. The bill eliminates this prior approval requirement for recipients of federal supplemental security income benefits. The Department of Human Services is addressing the prior approval issue through rule making.

LD 826 An Act to Provide More Equitable Reimbursement for Boarding Homes Serving Persons with Mental Retardation LV/WD

SPONSOR(S) CARROLL D MANNING CLARK M	COMMITTEE REPORT LV/WD	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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SUMMARY

This bill requires the Department of Human Services to reimburse boarding home operators for certain expenses that are not currently reimbursed. Specifically, the bill requires the department to reimburse approved general and administrative costs, operating costs for staff who are required to be present at mealtime, reasonable costs for recreation for residents and staff training.

LD 834 An Act to Provide Funding for Certain Mental Health Services ONTP

SPONSOR(S) MANNING MILLS	COMMITTEE REPORT ONTP	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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SUMMARY

This bill provides funds to the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation to provide financial assistance to hospitals located in Portland that treat people with chronic mental illness.