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**BILL SUMMARIES
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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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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.

LD 879 An Act to Prevent Multiple Assessments of Patients at the Augusta Mental Health Institute

**PUBLIC 73
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
GILL BRANNIGAN DAGGETT PENDLETON	OTP-AM	S-44

SUMMARY

This bill ensures that the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation will provide assessments of patients at the Augusta Mental Health Institute and the Bangor Mental Health Institute in the time frames identified by Public Law 1989, chapter 501, Part BB, section 7, and that such assessments will comply with the terms and conditions of the consent decree to avoid the need to provide multiple assessments from the 2 mandates.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-44) gives the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation additional time to comply with the assessment requirement. It also adds an emergency preamble and fiscal note to the bill.

LD 883 Resolve, to Establish a Respite Care Demonstration Project

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CLARK N BRANNIGAN MANNING	LV/WD	

SUMMARY

This bill proposes a 2-year demonstration project in which short-term nursing and boarding home respite care services are made available to Medicaid eligible clients. The Department of Human Services reimburses facilities chosen through a request-for-proposals process at their current rates to hold open beds for respite care clients.

LD 889 An Act to Amend the Rules Dealing with Laundering Services for Cloth Diapers Used by Day Care Centers

PUBLIC 89

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CATHCART LARRIVEE TREAT PENDLETON	OTP-AM	H-95

SUMMARY

During the 114th Legislature, a law was passed which barred the Department of Human Services from prohibiting the use of cloth diapers in day care facilities if the facilities employed a professional diaper laundering service. This bill removes the requirement that a laundering service be used and allows cloth diapers without restriction.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-95) replaces the original bill. It repeals the current requirement that allows the use of cloth diapers if a diaper laundering service is used and replaces it with a requirement that rules be adopted by the Department of Human Services that address the use of diapers in licensed day care facilities and registered home baby-sitting services.