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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.

LD 890 An Act to Require the Department of Human Services to Have a Regular Presence in Every County of the State

CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
KILKELLY MANNING HOLLOWAY SPEAR		

SUMMARY

This bill requires that an office or itinerant worker from the Department of Human Services be available in each county on a regular biweekly basis to assist people applying for benefits or seeking information on services offered by the department.

This bill has been carried over to the Second Regular Session.

LD 892 An Act to Provide Funds for the Mid-State United Cerebral Palsy Center

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
DAGGETT BUSTIN ST. ONGE CHONKO	LV/WD	

SUMMARY

This bill provides funds to the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation for the support of the Mid-State United Cerebral Palsy Center.

LD 895 An Act Concerning Availability of Income Between Spouses in the Determination of Medicaid Eligibility for Care at the Nursing Home Level

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
DAGGETT TITCOMB MARTIN J MANNING	LV/WD	

SUMMARY

This bill amends Medicaid eligibility provisions by requiring that no more than 1/2 of a couple's income or the income of the applicant spouse, whichever is less, be considered available to an institutionalized spouse. The bill also requires that the spousal impoverishment provisions of the Medicare Catastrophic Coverage Act of 1988 be applied to individuals receiving home-based care, allowing spouses to retain more personal income.