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**STATE OF MAINE
115TH LEGISLATURE**

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AND
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**BILL SUMMARIES
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
HUMAN RESOURCES**

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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.

LD 1132 An Act to Permit Timely Certificate of Need Approval of Hospital Projects Identified as Urgent

LV/MD

SPONSOR(S)
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COMMITTEE REPORT
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

Under existing law, all so-called major hospital projects must be grouped for a one-time annual review within the constraints of the Certificate of Need Development Account. Projects that were identified by the Department of Human Services as "urgent and compelling" for which insufficient funds remain in the account must be deferred for an additional year and again face competitive review. This bill permits those projects that have already been identified as urgent and compelling to be approved immediately upon the recrediting of funds to the Certificate of Need Development Account.

LD 1134 An Act to Protect Citizens from the Effects of Environmental Tobacco Smoke

ONTP-MIN REP

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DUPLESSIS

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM MAJ
ONTP MIN

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

Effective January 1, 1992, this bill replaces several specific smoking prohibitions with a general ban on smoking in enclosed areas of public places. The bill retains current law with regard to smoking in restaurants and in the workplace.

Committee Amendment "A" repeals the entire bill and substitutes a simpler, narrower proposal that prohibits smoking in enclosed areas of buildings to which members of the public are invited or permitted to be and in rest rooms which are available for public use. Among the exceptions made to the prohibition are taverns and lounges, private offices, small owner-operated stores, beano games and civil auditoriums. Restaurants, hospitals and the work place continue to be governed by their own laws. Those portions of existing law which are duplicative and which would be superfluous if this proposal were enacted, are repealed. Enforcement by the Department of Human Services is removed, leaving to the court system the enforcement of the law. The Department of Human Services is charged with enforcement activities.

LD 1146 An Act to Increase the Collection of Child Support Payments

**PUBLIC 295
EMERGENCY**

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ERWIN
BUSTIN
GILL
KETOVER

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-342

SUMMARY

This bill enhances child support collection efforts by directing the Department of Human Services to claim state tax refunds and lottery winnings of persons who owe the State for child support obligations. The bill also authorizes the Department of Human Services to use private collection agencies for the purpose of collecting child support.