

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE  
115TH LEGISLATURE**

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AND  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
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ON  
HUMAN RESOURCES**

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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
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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 1284     An Act to Provide Adequate Skilled Professionals and  
Employee Protections in the Provision of Mental Health and  
Mental Retardation Services during a Period of Closure and  
Reductions in Capacity and a Transition to a Community Care-  
based Services System**

**INDEF PP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
TITCOMB SIMONDS GOODRIDGE		

**SUMMARY**

This bill requires the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation to provide training programs for employees of state institutions that are affected by the closing or reduction of services at those institutions, guarantees that those employees are not adversely affected by the closing or reduction of the institutions and provides that those employees are entitled to the same compensation, benefits and collective bargaining rights that they currently have.

**LD 1286     An Act to Protect Client Advocacy Services in the ASPIRE  
Program**

**LV/WD**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
PEARSON MARTIN J STEVENS P MANNING	LV/WD	

**SUMMARY**

This bill provides funds to continue an advocacy position for participants in the ASPIRE program due to expire on March 31, 1991.

**LD 1301     An Act to Modify the Radiation Protection Laws**

**PUBLIC 151**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
PENDEXTER TITCOMB CAHILL P HOLT	OTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill changes the due date of the yearly report from the State Nuclear Safety Inspector to July 1st of every year in order to allow the inclusion of necessary data that is not available from the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission and Maine Yankee until February or March of each year.

This bill also specifically states that the inspection of federal facilities will be done only with the concurrence of the federal government. Current law makes such inspections subject to agreements reached between the State and the federal government.