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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 1436 Resolve, Relating to Medicaid Rules Governing Services to
Persons with Mental Retardation**

**RESOLVE 51
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
PRAY BUSTIN GOODRIDGE	OTP-AM	S-231 S-437 BRANNIGAN

SUMMARY

This resolve requires the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation to develop a proposal to establish parity in wages and benefits between community-based programs and state facilities and to report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature by January 15, 1992.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-231) recognizes that negotiations are currently under way between the Department of Human Services and the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation regarding the transfer of responsibilities for Medicaid services for persons with mental retardation to the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation. The amendment restricts the ability of the Department of Human Services to adopt rules relating to those services pending finalization of the negotiations or before June 15, 1991, whichever is earlier. It also adds a fiscal note to the resolve.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-437) to Committee Amendment "A" requires the Department of Human Services to submit a report to the Legislature detailing any proposed changes in Medicaid rules or reimbursement principles prior to implementation with information relating to wages and salaries for direct care and related staff.

**LD 1454 An Act to Amend the Laws Relating to the Long-term Care
Ombudsman Program**

PUBLIC 408

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CLARK N MANNING TREAT CONSTANTINE	OTP-AM	S-257

SUMMARY

This bill amends the laws pertaining to long-term care for older people by giving staff and volunteers the authority to talk with the patients, inform them of their rights and help them in asserting their legal rights.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-257) reorganizes and clarifies the language in the original bill. It does not make substantive changes to the bill.

**LD 1470 An Act to Require Eating Establishments That Have Outdoor
Seating to Have Restrooms**

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
LAWRENCE	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill expands the requirement for the provision of toilet facilities for the use of patrons to those restaurants which provide outdoor seating.