

# MAINE STATE 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 1517 An Act to Provide Tuition Assistance for Persons Seeking a Master's Degree in Social Work**

**ONTP**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MANNING HANDY ESTES	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill provides tuition assistance to students pursuing a master's degree in social work at a private graduate school of social work accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Scholarships are awarded only to those persons who make a 5-year commitment to work with chronically mentally ill persons in Maine after receiving their degrees. Funding is provided for 80 student scholarships in fiscal year 1991-92 and fiscal year 1992-93.

**LD 1523 An Act to Establish Interdepartmental Coordination and a Comprehensive Delivery System of Services for Persons who Have Sustained Traumatic Head Injury**

**ONTP**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CARROLL D BRANNIGAN RUHLIN	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill establishes the Interdepartmental Council on Head Injury and the Advisory Committee on Head Injury to develop an efficient comprehensive delivery system that maximizes existing services and creates new services to meet the needs of people with traumatic head injury.

**LD 1524 An Act to Extend the Certificate of Need Program to All Major Medical Equipment**

**VETOED**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MANNING CONLEY GILL	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-349 H-431 TAMMARO

**SUMMARY**

This bill extends the certificate of need law to the purchase of all major medical equipment costing over \$1,000,000. Currently, the law applies only to hospitals.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-349) was reported by a majority of the committee. It adds a fiscal note to the bill.

House Amendment "A" (H-431) was presented by the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading to make technical changes.