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**BILL SUMMARIES
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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 1534 An Act to Provide Support for Community-based Residential Hospice Services

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)
GILL
MANNING

COMMITTEE REPORT
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill defines community-based hospice services and provides funding for inpatient hospice services in several locations in the State and encourages the development of Medicare-certified hospice services.

LD 1543 An Act to Penalize the Department of Human Services for Failing to Make Prompt Child Support Payments to Obligees

CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S)
LAWRENCE
OLIVER
GEAN
CONLEY

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill penalizes the Department of Human Services if it fails to forward collected child support funds within 14 days of receipt by the department unless the department does not have sufficient identifying information or unless a different time period is mandated by federal regulation. The amount of the late fee, which is 10% of the overdue payment, would be forwarded to the recipients.

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

LD 1545 An Act to Provide Training for Long-term Care Facilities Personnel

PUBLIC 405

SPONSOR(S)
BOUTILIER
GILL
HEPBURN
PENDLETON

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-448

SUMMARY

This bill establishes for nonmedical personnel who work in long-term care facilities a training program similar to that provided for health care personnel by the health occupations training project, in order to address the shortage of qualified personnel to fill activities coordinator positions in the State's long-term care facilities.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-448) removes the Department of Human Services as one of the agencies to jointly administer the job training program and adds a "grandfathering" provision for activities coordinators who are employed on the effective date of this Act. It also adds a fiscal note to the bill.