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**BILL SUMMARIES  
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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 1562      An Act Providing Nursing and Boarding Home Residents with a Right of Action for Violations of Their Resident Rights      CARRIED OVER**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
CLARK N GAUVREAU FARNSWORTH PENDLETON		

**SUMMARY**

This bill allows residents of long-term care facilities to bring a private court action for damages and other appropriate relief if their rights as defined by state and federal law and regulations are violated by the long-term care facility.

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

**LD 1564      An Act to Reward and Encourage Foster Parent Training and Skilled Family Foster Care      ONTP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
BRANNIGAN DUFFY	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

The purpose of this bill is to reward and compensate foster parents demonstrating exemplary foster parenting skills and to provide incentives for other foster parents to upgrade their skills to the exemplary level. Foster parents demonstrating one level of skill would be eligible for an increase in current board rates of \$90 a month and foster parents demonstrating a 2nd level of skill would be eligible for an increase in current board rates of \$160 a month. In addition, this bill provides funds for up to 2 weeks of respite per year for foster parents.

**LD 1568      An Act to Provide Assistance, Support and Supervision for Foster Homes      ONTP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
CASHMAN DORE TITCOMB	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill provides funds to the Department of Human Services for 20 caseworker positions, 4 casework supervisor positions and 4 clerk II positions to provide direct supervision of foster homes.