

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE  
115TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
AND  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
HUMAN RESOURCES**

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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:

<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 1797

**An Act to Establish a Trauma Advisory Committee and a Voluntary Trauma Reporting System**

CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S)  
MITCHELL E  
RICHARDSON  
MANNING  
GILL

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

**SUMMARY**

This bill establishes a Trauma Prevention and Control Advisory Committee and authorizes the Emergency Medical Services' Board to establish, maintain and operate a statewide trauma-incidence registry.

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

**LD 1798**

**An Act to Establish the Advisory Committee on Improving Outdoor Recreational Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities**

PUBLIC 370

SPONSOR(S)  
CARROLL J  
JACQUES

COMMITTEE REPORT  
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
H-404

**SUMMARY**

This bill establishes the Advisory Committee on Improving Outdoor Recreational Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities, commonly known as Maine Outdoor Recreation for Everyone, M.O.R.E. The committee shall advise the Department of Conservation, the Department of Human Services and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife on outdoor recreational opportunities for persons with disabilities.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-404) removes provisions from the original bill that authorize expenses for members and allows the Advisory Committee to set reimbursement for expenses if funds permit. The amendment prohibits the use of General Fund money for the committee. The amendment adds representatives from the Department of Marine Resources, the Department of Economic and Community Development and the Department of Transportation to the committee and clarifies that the committee is located within the Department of Human Services, Bureau of Rehabilitation. The amendment authorizes the committee to expend funds if funds are available and requires the committee to report on its activities in January 1993. The amendment adds a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 1806

**An Act to Ensure Payment of Reasonable Costs of Operating Community-based Facilities for the Mentally Retarded**

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)  
CARROLL D

COMMITTEE REPORT  
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

**SUMMARY**

This bill provides funds to the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation to increase base wages for direct care employees of contract agencies to \$7 per hour and to make corresponding adjustments in related staff wages and salaries. The bill requires the Bureau of Mental Retardation to make annual adjustments in payments to providers to reflect changes in the cost of health care services as measured by Data Resources, Inc.