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BILL SUMMARIES
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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES**

MAY 1992

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 far right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

PUBLIC XXX	Chapter # of enacted Public Law
P&S XXX	Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
RESOLVE XXX	Chapter # of enacted Resolve
CON RES XXX	Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
EMERGENCY	Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days
CARRIED OVER	Bill carried over to Special Session
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass report accepted
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw report accepted
INDEF PP	Bill Indefinitely Postponed
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	House and Senate disagree; bill died
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE	Committee of Conference formed but unable to agree
VETO SUSTAINED	Legislature filed to override Governor's Veto
UNSIGNED	Not signed by Governor within 10 days
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	Action incomplete when session ended; bill died

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, 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 2152 An Act to Fund the Crisis and Counseling Center's Residential Care Unit

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
DAGGETT
SIMONDS
HEPBURN
GILL

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill provides a General Fund appropriation to the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation for the Crisis and Counseling Center's residential care unit in Skowhegan. These funds are necessary for the program to operate from January 1, 1992 to June 30, 1992.

The Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation was able to provide funds for the contract within existing resources, making the bill unnecessary.

LD 2154 An Act to Restore Home Health and Community Care Funding

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
MARTIN J
MAHANY
COLLINS
CARROLL D

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill increases the current rate of reimbursement for home health aide and certified nurse aide services from \$11.70 per hour to \$14 per hour for the private duty nursing and personal care services program, the Medicaid waiver program and the home-based care program.

LD 2168 An Act to Clarify and Make Technical Changes in the Hospital Care Financing System

PUBLIC 786

SPONSOR(S)
MANNING

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-1122

SUMMARY

This bill makes several changes to the laws governing the hospital care financing system administered by the Maine Health Care Finance Commission, as follows.

1. It amends the law concerning outpatient service rate setting for hospitals regulated under the average revenue per case payment system.
2. It clarifies that purchasers as well as 3rd-party payors may negotiate discounts with hospitals. It also clarifies the meaning of a negotiated discount by stating that capitation arrangements and similar contracts may be considered discounts for purposes of the hospital care financing system.
3. It clarifies that mergers involving transfers of existing services or transfers of substantial amounts of hospital assets remain subject to commission review and approval.
4. It extends the notice requirement from 10 days to 45 days for any hospital engaging in restructuring that is exempt from commission approval.