

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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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

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If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
CAHILL P BRANNIGAN ANTHONY DUPLESSIS	OTP-AM	S-592

**SUMMARY**

This bill amends the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 19, chapter 10 to conform with federal law by authorizing the Department of Human Services, in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the department and the federal Department of Health and Human Services, to pay nonrecurring expenses related to the adoption of special needs children and to expand its adoption assistance program to cover special needs children in the custody of private nonprofit adoption agencies licensed to operate in this State.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-592) replaces references to "handicapped" with "disabilities." The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 2182 Resolve, to Revise the Charter of the Van Buren Hospital District** **ONTP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
THERIAULT MARTIN H	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This resolve authorizes the trustees of the Van Buren Hospital District to revise its charter created in 1955.

**LD 2225 An Act to Make Further Distinctions between Types of Boarding Care Facilities** **ONTP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
PENDEXTER GEAN GILL BERUBE	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill clarifies that eating and lodging facilities that provide permanent or long-term residence require a separate category of licensure under the definition of boarding care facility. The bill also allows license dates for all forms of boarding care facilities to be staggered to permit reasonable adjustment to survey schedules.