

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE  
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**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
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ON  
HUMAN RESOURCES**

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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES**

**JULY 1993**

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.

The committee report or reports, the prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor in each house if one has been designated are listed below each bill title. 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:

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

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

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the purposes of Medicaid reimbursement, and licensed master social workers and licensed professional counselors as one group for the purposes of Medicaid reimbursement. The amendment also requires the Board of Counseling Professionals Licensure and the State Board of Social Worker Licensure to study whether Medicaid reimbursement should be extended to licensed marriage and family therapists and licensed pastoral counselors and to report their findings to the Legislature and the Executive Director of the Legislative Council by January 1, 1994. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 137      An Act Requiring Substance Abuse Treatment Programs to      ONTP**  
**Provide Nutrition Counseling**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
TOWNSEND G	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill requires the Office of Substance Abuse to ensure that all drug and alcohol treatment programs offer nutrition counseling. The bill also prohibits the Office of Substance Abuse from funding any program that does not offer nutrition counseling.

**LD 145      An Act to Permit Professional Review Committees to Work      PUBLIC 39**  
**with Impaired Physician Assistants**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
AULT HANLEY	OTP-AM	H-33

**SUMMARY**

The Board of Registration in Medicine currently authorizes, through protocols, the operation of an impaired physician committee. The committee is authorized to deal with physicians only. This bill allows the committee to deal with physician assistants as well as physicians.

Amendment H-33 makes a technical amendment for statutory consistency.

**LD 150      An Act to Increase the Effectiveness of Child Support      PUBLIC 94**  
**Enforcement**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
FAIRCLOTH	OTP-AM	H-144

**SUMMARY**

This bill requires parents to disclose their social security numbers when a birth certificate is prepared for their child.

Amendment H-144 adds a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 175      An Act Regarding Low-cost Drugs for the Elderly      ONTP**

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

**SUMMARY**

This bill adds psychotropic drugs to the list of drugs covered under the elderly low-cost drug program.