

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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BILL SUMMARIES  
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**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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**LD 178**

**An Act to Allocate Funds to a Teenage Homeless Shelter in Bangor**

ONTP

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**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill appropriates funds to the Department of Human Services for the Shaw House, a teenage homeless shelter in Bangor.

**LD 185**

**An Act to Retain the Housing Special Needs Payment for Aid to Families with Dependent Children Families**

ONTP

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BUSTIN

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill removes the sunset sections of 2 provisions in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, thereby keeping those provisions beyond the June 30, 1993 sunset dates. One provision is the housing special needs payment program for aid to families with dependent children. The other provision is the continuation of Medicaid for families who lost aid to families with dependent children benefits due to the reduction of aid to families with dependent children enacted in July 1991.

**LD 198**

**An Act to Improve Access to Dental Services**

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**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
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**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
S-83

**SUMMARY**

This bill establishes an ad hoc committee to improve access to dental services. The group is comprised of state agency representatives and nonprofit dental clinic representatives. The committee is charged with examining ways to maximize federal funding for dental services to people with low incomes. The committee, which must conduct its work with no new funding, is to report to the Legislature by February 1, 1994.

Amendment S-83 is the majority report of the Human Resources Committee. It clarifies that part of the purpose of the Ad Hoc Committee on Access to Dental Services is to enhance coordination among the 3 state departments that are represented on the committee. It also adds the following representatives to the committee: one person representing people with low incomes, one private dentist and one representative from rural health centers. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.