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BILL SUMMARIES  
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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
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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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24. Part 0-4 directs the Bureau of Insurance to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Banking and Insurance on or before January 1, 1994 on the feasibility of combining the medical portion of automobile insurance and health insurance.

**LD 183      An Act to Reenact the Laws Governing Equitable Insurance  
Coverage for Mental Illness**

PUBLIC 441

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
DORE	OTP-AM      MAJ	S-377      PEARSON
CLEVELAND	ONTP          MIN	

**SUMMARY**

This bill repeals the repeal date on the laws governing equitable insurance coverage for mental illness.

Senate Amendment "E" (S-377) changes the approach of the bill completely. It removes the emergency clause so that the law enacted in 1992 to come in to effect in 1993 sunsets on July 1 without becoming effective. It replaces the 1992-93 law with mandatory minimum mental illness benefits which apply to small employee groups of between 13 and 19 members.

**LD 186      An Act to Retain the Federal Demonstration Grant Funding  
the Maine Health Program**

INDEF PP

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
RYDELL	OTP-AM	H-124
BUSTIN		

**SUMMARY**

This bill permits the Maine Health Program to continue and therefore to receive federal demonstration grant funding.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-124), the majority report of the committee, adds appropriation and allocation sections.

Bill indefinitely postponed. See LD 283, the budget, re: Maine Health Program, Part FFF.

**LD 194      An Act Requiring Disclosure of Coinsurance Provisions on  
Insurance Policies or Contracts**

ONTP

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

**SUMMARY**

This bill requires all insurance policies and contracts to state on the face of the policies or contracts the coinsurance obligations of the policyholder or contract holder. It requires them to define coinsurance and to provide an example of the impact of the coinsurance provision.