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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

**BILL SUMMARIES
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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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&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & 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 & 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 739

Resolve, to Provide Savings in the Elderly Low-cost Drug Program

DIED BETWEEN BODIES

SPONSOR(S)

TREAT
PARADIS J
GOULD R A

COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This resolve requires the Department of Human Services to offer a mail-order option in the elderly low-cost drug program. The resolve requires the department to issue a request for proposals that is limited to in-state bidders. The department may not accept any bid unless it estimates that the bid will save at least 10% over the present retail purchase system. Any savings realized must be used to make new drugs available through the program or to expand eligibility.

LD 755 An Act to Improve Access to Pharmaceuticals for Rural Health Center Patients

CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S)

MARTIN J

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

The federal Veterans Health Care Act of 1992 qualifies rural health centers to receive discounts from manufacturers on pharmaceuticals purchased for their patients. This bill clarifies that nothing in the Maine Pharmacy Act prohibits or impedes the State's rural health centers from taking full advantage of the federally authorized discounts.

Because rules implementing the federal Veteran's Health Care Act had not been adopted when this bill was considered, it was carried over to the Second Regular Session.

LD 759 Resolve, Authorizing the Merger of MCD Residential Care, Inc., a Maine For-profit Corporation, with Medical Care Development, Inc., a Nonprofit Corporation

RESOLVE 9 EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)

MARTIN J

COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-229

SUMMARY

This resolve authorizes MCD Residential Care, Inc., a Maine for-profit corporation created and owned by Medical Care Development, Inc., a Maine nonprofit corporation, to merge with Medical Care Development, Inc. for the purposes of enhancing the operations of Medical Care Development, Inc. and reducing the amount of state expenditures paid to fund the operation of the York Manor Nursing Home. The resolve is necessary because the Maine Revised Statutes have no provisions for merging a profit-making corporation with a non-profit corporation.

Amendment H-229 adds a fiscal note to the resolve.