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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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**LD 1026 An Act to Clarify the Requirements of Disclosure of Information Pertaining to Mentally Disabled Clients**

CARRIED OVER

**SPONSOR(S)**  
FITZPATRICK

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill provides for disclosure of basic information, such as diagnosis, medication, side effects of medication and likely consequences of failure to take medication, to family members or care givers who live with and care for people who are clients as defined by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-B, section 1001, subsection 2. The bill permits disclosure only in cases when a care giver lives with a client or provides care that prevents serious deterioration in that client's condition, the care giver makes a written request for the disclosure and the disclosure is in the best interests of the client.

This bill has been carried over to the Second Regular Session.

**LD 1036 An Act to Correct Volume Deficiencies in Hospital Base-year Budgets Administered by the Maine Health Care Finance Commission**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
BERUBE

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

The Maine Health Care Finance Commission annually adjusts the financial requirements to which a hospital is entitled based on a comparison of current hospital volume and volume budgeted for the base year. The Maine Health Care Finance Commission has taken the position that it is not authorized to adjust a hospital's base-year volume statistic under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 396-D, subsection 9-A unless a very specific set of circumstances exists. This bill provides the Maine Health Care Finance Commission with the authority to rectify that situation in those cases when it is unable to do so under Title 22, section 396-D, subsection 9-A by allowing the substitution of actual hospital volume in the base year for estimated base-year volume.

**LD 1049 An Act to Permit the Inclusion of Occupational Injury as a Reportable Condition under the Occupational Disease Reporting System**

PUBLIC 270

**SPONSOR(S)**  
PENDEXTER

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-385

**SUMMARY**

This bill includes occupational injury in the definition of "occupational disease" as it relates to reportable conditions under the occupational disease reporting system.

Amendment H-385 adds a fiscal note to the bill.