

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE  
116TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
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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**LD 1120 An Act to Amend the Law Regarding Rate Setting at Residential Treatment Centers**

PUBLIC 269

**SPONSOR(S)**  
WEBSTER

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill amends the law that specifies that the annual inflation rate to be used to increase or decrease rates in residential child care facilities when rates have not been set by July 1st of each year be changed from that published by Data Resources, Inc., which is obtained through payment of a subscription, to the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers, which is obtained at no cost.

**LD 1121 An Act to Require the Office of Vital Statistics to Have Death Certificates Issued within a Two-week Period**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
HANLEY

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill requires that a death certificate be filed no more than 14 days after death occurred.

**LD 1150 An Act to Promote Electronic Transfer of Funds and Other Information System Improvements in State Government**

PUBLIC 445

**SPONSOR(S)**  
JOSEPH

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-512

**SUMMARY**

This bill amends a section of the Maine Revised Statutes regarding disbursements of state funds to allow broader use of electronic transfers of funds and requires that electronic transfers of funds be expanded in the State's cash assistance programs and for state retirement benefits. The bill also directs the Department of Human Services to take advantage of federal matching funds to improve automation of Medicaid claims and eligibility functions in income maintenance programs.

Amendment H-512 gives more time to the Department of Human Services to implement the electronic transfer of funds and the "one-stop-shopping" eligibility system required by the bill. It also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 1178 Resolve, to Foster the Development of a Range of Alternatives in Long-term Care**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
RYDELL  
TREAT

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This resolve requires the Department of Human Services to develop a plan for assisted living facilities for use by low-income people. This resolve directs the department to pursue Medicaid waivers for assisted living facilities and to develop programs to serve individuals with Alzheimer's disease and