

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE  
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**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
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ON  
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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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other dementia illnesses. The resolve also establishes a moratorium on the licensing of additional nursing home beds until the department develops and implements the plans required by this resolve.

**LD 1189 An Act to Establish a State Trauma Care System**

PUBLIC 311

**SPONSOR(S)**  
PENDEXTER

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-386  
H-438 TREAT

**SUMMARY**

This bill authorizes Maine Emergency Medical Services to develop and coordinate a statewide system of emergency care to treat seriously injured patients, including coordination of the roles of hospital and prehospital providers through a system plan, rules and protocols.

Amendment H-386 removes the authorization for Maine Emergency Medical Services to implement a trauma care system in the State. This amendment only authorizes the plan to be developed and directs Maine Emergency Management Services to submit the plan and implementing legislation to the Legislature by January 1, 1994. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

Amendment H-438 clarifies that the Emergency Medical Services' Board appoints the members of the State Trauma Prevention and Control Advisory Committee.

**LD 1193 An Act to Increase the Availability of Funding for Health Care**

PUBLIC 390

**SPONSOR(S)**  
MARTIN J

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-561

**SUMMARY**

This bill allows community health centers to qualify for loans through the bonding authority of the Maine Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority Act.

Amendment H-561 makes technical corrections to resolve internal inconsistencies in the terms used to describe eligible organizations.

**LD 1204 An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Home Baby-sitting Services and to Provide Rules for Licensing Fees for Day Care Facilities, Nursery Schools and Home Baby-sitting Services**

PUBLIC 353

**SPONSOR(S)**  
LIPMAN

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-511

**SUMMARY**

Current law provides for an initial application fee of \$10 and a \$20 biennial reapplication fee for licensure as either a day care facility, nursery school or registered home baby-sitting service. This bill removes the amount of these fees from the law and requires the department to establish the amount of the fees by rule.

The bill also clarifies that an individual who has been found by a court, whether by civil or criminal standard of proof, to have abused or neglected children is prohibited from registering as a home baby sitting service. Current law refers to "convictions," implying that civil violations are not included.

Amendment H-511 changes the original bill as follows.

1. It clarifies that the rules establishing licensing fees must be adopted by January 1, 1994 and makes the repeal of current license fees effective on that date to ensure that current fees are not repealed before the new ones are adopted.
2. It clarifies that when a registration for a home baby-sitting service is revoked by the Administrative Court, pending renewals become void and the court may bar the registrant from reapplying for a prescribed period of time.
3. It adds a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 1205      Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Examine Alternatives to Maine's Welfare System and to Make Recommendations Concerning Its Replacement      ONTP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
SIMONDS PARADIS J TREAT	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This resolve establishes the Commission to Examine Alternatives to Maine's Welfare System to study enrollment in a goal-oriented training program leading to self-sufficiency and adequate child care and to make recommendations concerning the replacement of the welfare system.

**LD 1250      Resolve, Directing the Bureau of Health to Study the Problem of Violence among Children, Teens and Young Adults      RESOLVE 22 EMERGENCY**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
SIMONDS	OTP-AM	H-387

**SUMMARY**

The purpose of this resolve is to identify, study and report on the extent of the problem of violence among children, teens and young adults in the State.

Amendment H-387 requires the Division of Maternal and Child Health to collaborate with the Department of Corrections, the Office of Substance Abuse and the Bureau of Children with Special Needs in carrying out the study. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the resolve.