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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

BILL SUMMARIES
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES**

MAY 1994

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, 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:

PUBLIC XXX

P&S XXX

RESOLVE XXX

CON RES XXX

EMERGENCY

ONTP

INDEF PP

FAILED ENACTMENT

FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT

FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT

DIED BETWEEN BODIES

CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE

VETO SUSTAINED

UNSIGNED

DIED ON ADJOURNMENT

Chapter # of enacted Public Law

Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law

Chapter # of enacted Resolve

Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses

Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days

Ought Not to Pass report accepted

Bill Indefinitely Postponed

Bill failed to get majority vote

Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote

Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote

House & Senate disagree; bill died

Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died

Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Not signed by Governor within 10 days

Action incomplete when session ended; bill died

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**LD 1955 An Act to Promote a Continuum of Quality and Affordable
Long-term Care and to Promote Consumer Choice**

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
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COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill establishes a voucher program for long-term care services. It also renames boarding care facilities to become residential care facilities. The bill defines assisted living and assisted living facilities and ensures that rules that govern assisted living allow for flexibility in order to provide maximum consumer choice. The bill creates the Commission to Provide for a Continuum of Long-term Care and authorizes the Department of Human Services to develop a proposal to create a long-term care development account to give the State more control over development costs.

See also LD 1800.

**LD 1962 An Act to Provide for a Comprehensive Investigation of the
Death of Children by Homicide or through Other Suspicious
Circumstances**

ONTP

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COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill requires the child death and serious injury review panel to investigate the deaths of children reported to the panel by the Attorney General. The panel shall determine whether the child protection system failed in the case of a child under investigation and if the panel determines that the system failed, shall recommend changes in law, policy or practice to prevent a similar failure. The panel shall report its findings to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over human resources matters.

**LD 1969 Resolve, Pertaining to Assisted Living Services and Boarding
Care**

ONTP

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COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This resolve exempts providers of assisted living services or boarding care in private apartments in a congregate setting from compliance with licensure requirements until the Department of Human Services adopts rules governing the operation of congregate housing services programs. This resolve further prohibits the Department of Human Services from adopting those rules until 90 days after the adjournment sine die of the Second Regular Session of the 116th Legislature.

See also LD 1800.