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**STATE OF MAINE
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**BILL SUMMARIES
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FIRST REGULAR AND FIRST SPECIAL SESSIONS

Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
August 1997

We are pleased to provide this summary of bills that were considered by the 15 Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature staffed by this office. The document is a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill, committee amendments and other relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken on the bill. Also included are statistical summaries of bill activity this Session for the Legislature and each of its joint standing committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills handled by the joint standing committees. It is organized alphabetically by committees and within committees by bill (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed by paper number. Two indices, a subject index and a numerical index by LD number are provided for easy reference to bills. They are located at the back of the document. A separate publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, may also be helpful in providing information on the disposition of bills. These bill summaries also are available at the Law and Legislative Reference Library and on the Internet (www.state.me.us/legis/opla).

Final action on each bill is noted to the right of the bill title. The abbreviations used for various categories of final action are as follows:

<i>CARRIED OVER</i>	<i>Bill carried over to Second Regular Session</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i>	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED IN CONCURRENCE</i>	<i>One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<i>ONTP</i>	<i>Ought Not To Pass report accepted</i>
<i>OTP ND</i>	<i>Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft</i>
<i>OTP ND/NT</i>	<i>Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title</i>
<i>P&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of finally passed Resolve</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i>	<i>Bill held by Governor</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is June 26, 1997 and September 19, 1997 for the First Special Session.

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See also LD 413.

LD 1706

An Act to Review Registration of Certified Nursing Assistants

PUBLIC 465

Sponsor(s)
BRUNO

Committee Report
OTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 1706 proposed to require a listed nursing assistant's name on the CNA Registry to be annotated with any criminal convictions except those Class D and Class E convictions over 10 years old that did not involve as a victim a patient, client or resident of a health care entity. The bill would require the department to verify the credentials and training of all certified nursing assistants and all health care institutions to check with the registry before hiring any certified nursing assistants.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 465 requires annotation on the CNA registry of criminal convictions except old Class D and E convictions not pertinent to CNA employment. It requires DHS to verify the credentials and trainings of all CNAs and required health care facilities to check the CNA registry prior to hiring.

LD 1715

An Act to Conform the State Revolving Loan Fund for Drinking Water with the 1996 Amendments to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act

**PUBLIC 555
EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s)
MITCHELL E

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
H-522

LD 1715 proposed to conform the state revolving loan fund with the 1996 amendments to the federal Safe Drinking Water Act of 1996.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-522) proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 555 comprises the provisions of the bill and the Committee Amendment. It amends the provisions of the Maine Municipal Bond Bank laws and the Safe Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund Laws to conform with federal law. The law takes effect June 12, 1997.