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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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Private and Special Law 1997, chapter 38 comprises the provisions of the bill and the Committee Amendment. It directs the Department of Human Services to apply for an additional food stamp waiver on the basis of job insufficiency and requires the department to work with community agencies on the coordination of food stamp volunteer work. It requires DHS to participate in an evaluation of the food stamp 3 mo. - 3 yr. provision if funds become available.

LD 1877

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 6: Regulations Relating to Coordination and Oversight of Patient Care Services by Unlicensed Health Care Assistive Personnel, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine State Board of Nursing

**RESOLVE 53
EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report
OTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 1877 proposed to authorize Board of Nursing Rule Chapter 6: Regulations Relating to Coordination and Oversight of Patient Care Services by Unlicensed Health Care Assistive Personnel, a major substantive rule.

Enacted law summary

Resolves 1997, chapter 53 authorizes the Board to adopt the Board of Nursing Rule Chapter 6, the rules on coordination and oversight by professional nurses of patient care services provided by unlicensed health care assistive personnel. The resolve takes effect June 9, 1997.

LD 1881

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter II, Section 67: Nursing Facilities Services, Maine Medical Assistance Manual, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Human Services, Bureau of Medical Services

**RESOLVE 54
EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report
OTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 1881 proposed to authorize relevant portions of Department of Human Services Rule Chapter II, Section 67: Nursing Facilities Services, Maine Medical Assistance Manual, a major substantive rule.

Enacted law summary

Resolves 1997, chapter 54, authorizes the Department to adopt Rule Chapter II, section 67, the rules on the supplemental dementia screening tool addition to the MED '96 assessment for long-term care services. The resolve takes effect June 9, 1997.