

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the  
**LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY**  
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library  
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from electronic originals  
(may include minor formatting differences from printed original)

**STATE OF MAINE  
119TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**JULY 1999**

**Staff:**  
*Jane Orbeton, Legislative Analyst*

*Office of Policy and Legal Analysis  
Room 101/107/135, 13 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333  
(207)287-1670*

**MEMBERS:**

*Sen. Judy Paradis, Chair  
Sen. Georgette B. Berube  
Sen. Betty Lou Mitchell*

*Rep. Thomas J. Kane, Chair  
Rep. Joseph E. Brooks  
Rep. Elaine Fuller  
Rep. Michael W. Quint  
Rep. Edward R. Dugay  
Rep. Daniel B. Williams  
Rep. Glenys P. Lovett  
Rep. Tarren R. Bragdon  
Rep. Lois A. Snowe-Mello  
Rep. Thomas F. Shields*



**Maine State Legislature**  
**OFFICE OF POLICY AND LEGAL ANALYSIS**

13 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0013  
Telephone: (207) 287-1670  
Fax: (207) 287-1275

**ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE**  
**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing and Select Committees**  
**August 1999**

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

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is organized 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](http://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:

*CARRIED OVER*.....Bill carried over to Second Regular Session  
*CON RES XXX*..... Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses  
*CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE*.....Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died  
*DIED BETWEEN BODIES*.....House & Senate disagree; bill died  
*DIED IN CONCURRENCE*..... One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill  
*DIED ON ADJOURNMENT*.....Action incomplete when session ended; bill died  
*EMERGENCY*..... Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days  
*ENACTMENT FAILED*..... Bill failed to get vote required for enactment or final passage  
*NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY*..... Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died  
*INDEF PP*.....Bill Indefinitely Postponed  
*ONTP*..... Ought Not To Pass report accepted  
*OTP ND*..... Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft  
*OTP ND/NT*..... Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title  
*P&S XXX*..... Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law  
*PUBLIC XXX*..... Chapter # of enacted Public Law  
*RESOLVE XXX*..... Chapter # of finally passed Resolve  
*UNSIGNED*.....Bill held by Governor  
*VETO SUSTAINED*.....Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is September 18, 1999.

## Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services

**LD 10**

### **An Act to Prohibit Sale of Tobacco from Vending Machines**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MILLS	ONTP MAJ OTP MIN	

LD 10 proposed to repeal the provisions controlling sales of cigarettes from vending machines and prohibit such sales.

**LD 42**

### **An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission to Examine the Rate Setting and Financing of Maine's Long-term Care Facilities** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>

LD 42 reflects the recommendations of the Commission to Examine Rate Setting and the Financing of Maine's Long-term Care Facilities. It proposes to require the Department of Human Services to undertake pilot projects on long-term care reimbursement that are based on performance criteria, to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services on potential changes in the Medicaid principles of reimbursement for nursing facilities, to present a proposal to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services on minimum staffing requirements, to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services on a plan for paperwork reduction, to improve the provision of public information on long-term care and to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services on reducing or removing regulatory barriers to high-quality care. The bill proposes to require the Bureau of Insurance to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services on long-term care insurance and tax credits to encourage the purchase of long-term care insurance. The bill proposes to require the Commissioner of Human Services to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services on changes in the delivery of long-term care services.

This bill has been carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.

**LD 77**

### **An Act to Require the Retention of Medical Records**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BAGLEY CASSIDY	ONTP	

LD 77 proposed to require health care records to be retained by health care practitioners and hospitals for three years for adults and six years for minors.