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**STATE OF MAINE  
119TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
BANKING AND INSURANCE**

**JULY 1999**

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**ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE**  
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**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.

**LD 980**

**An Act to Increase Access to Nontraditional Medical Alternatives**

**ONTP**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| PINGREE           | ONTP MAJ                |                           |
| SULLIVAN          | OTP-AM MIN              |                           |

LD 980 proposed to require all managed care plans to provide coverage for nontraditional medical alternatives when the enrollee is referred for those services by a physician. The bill would have applied to all individual and group managed care plan contracts issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2000.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-199)** was the minority report. It proposed to clarify that coverage must be provided for alternative healthcare services provided by licensed naturopathic doctors, acupuncturists, massage therapists and dietitians when a referral is made by an enrollee's primary care provider.

The amendment also proposed to add an appropriation and allocation section and a fiscal note to the bill. Committee Amendment "A" was not adopted.

**LD 988**

**An Act to Facilitate the Collection of Data Concerning the Health Care Services Provided by Certified Nurse Practitioners and Certified Nurse Midwives**

**ONTP**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| GOLDTHWAIT        | ONTP                    |                           |

LD 988 proposed to require that nonprofit hospital and medical service organizations, health insurers and health maintenance organizations assign identification numbers to certified nurse practitioners and certified nurse midwives that provide services under individual and group contracts. It also proposed to require that claims submissions include the identification numbers of any certified nurse practitioner or certified nurse midwife that provided services related to the claim. The bill further proposed to require that nonprofit hospital and medical service organizations, health insurers and health maintenance organizations file annual reports with the Superintendent of Insurance outlining their experience related to services provided by certified nurse practitioners and certified nurse midwives.

The substantive provisions of LD 988 were incorporated into Committee Amendment "A" to LD 857.

**LD 989**

**An Act to Ensure Access to Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehabilitation**

**ONTP**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| BERUBE<br>CHIZMAR | ONTP                    |                           |

LD 989 proposed to require that nonprofit hospital and medical service organizations, insurers and health maintenance organizations provide coverage for cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation services. The bill would have applied to all individual and group policies issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2000.