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**STATE OF MAINE  
119TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
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ON  
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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.

4. The resolve proposes to increase the funding for the Temporary Housing Assistance Program from \$250,000 to \$500,000. The increase would be dedicated to serve homeless families or homeless youths staying in shelters in securing housing by providing security deposits and rental assistance. The Community Action Agencies would administer the dedicated funds.

The total amount of the appropriations contained in this resolve is \$1,025,000.

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

**LD 2188**                      **Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Certain Sections of Chapter II, Section 67, Nursing Facility Services, of Chapter 101: Maine Medical Assistance Manual, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Human Services**                      **RESOLVE 44  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 2188 proposed to provide for legislative review of certain sections of Chapter II, Section 67, Nursing Facility Services, of Chapter 101: Maine Medical Assistance Manual, a major substantive rule of the Department of Human Services.

***Enacted law summary***

Resolve 1999, chapter 44 authorizes final adoption of the agency rules relating to certain sections of Chapter II, Section 67, Nursing Facility Services, of Chapter 101: Maine Medical Assistance Manual, a major substantive rule of the Department of Human Services, without change.

Chapter 44 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 21, 1999.

**LD 2189**                      **Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 231: Rules Relating to Drinking Water, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Human Services**                      **RESOLVE 43  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 2189 proposed to provide for legislative review of Chapter 231: Rules Relating to Drinking Water, a major substantive rule of the Department of Human Services.

***Enacted law summary***

Resolve 1999, chapter 43 authorizes final adoption of Chapter 231: Rules Relating to Drinking Water, a major substantive rule of the Department of Human Services, without change.

Chapter 43 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 20, 1999.