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**STATE OF MAINE
119TH LEGISLATURE**

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

**BILL SUMMARIES
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ON
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

JULY 2000

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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
July 2000

We are pleased to provide this summary of 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).

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:

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
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE..... Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote
FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE..... Bill failed to get majority vote
FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT..... Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote
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 Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is August 11, 2000.

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LD 2272

An Act to Increase the Availability of Family Foster Homes

PUBLIC 599

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> BROOKS	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 2272 proposed to extend the term of a family foster home or specialized foster home license from a one-year period to a 2-year period.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 599 extends the term of a family foster home or specialized foster home license from a one-year period to a 2-year period.

LD 2273

An Act Regarding Asthma Management Education

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> DESMOND	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 2273 proposed to direct the Department of Human Services to adopt rules no later than October 1, 2000 to provide Medicaid coverage for certified medical professionals in any health care setting to provide asthma management education.

LD 2305

An Act to Amend the Child Care Licensing Laws

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> TOWNSEND	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 2305 proposed to clarify that both criminal and civil penalties may be imposed for violations of child care licensing laws.

This bill also proposed to allow the assessment of civil forfeitures of not more than \$500 per incident or per child above the limit set by law against child care facilities in violation of state licensing standards. It also proposed to allow the Department of Human Services to seek injunctive relief when necessary.

LD 2308

Resolve, to Provide Adequate Reimbursement for Speech and Language Pathologists and Audiologists and a Study of Medicaid Reimbursement

INDEF PP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> CATHCART	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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