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*State Of Maine
121st Legislature*

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Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Health and Human Services*

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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing and joint 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 committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is arranged alphabetically by committee name 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/billsumm.htm).

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*
- P&S XXX..... Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law*
- PASSED..... Joint Order passed in both bodies*
- 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 that the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is April 30, 2004; and non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Special Session is July 30, 2004. Four bills (LD's 1572, 1629, 1636 and 1637) that were considered at the First Special Session in August 2003 are also included in these summaries.

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Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services

LD 175

Resolve, To Allow MaineCare Reimbursement for Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists To Provide Services to Child Protective Services Clients and Adult Protective Services Clients

RESOLVE 107

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PATRICK BRYANT	OTP-AM	H-675

LD 175 proposed to allow licensed marriage and family therapists to be eligible for MaineCare reimbursement for counseling services whenever licensed professional counselors or licensed clinical professional counselors are eligible for reimbursement for those services.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-675) proposed to replace the bill and make it a resolve. The amendment proposed to require the Department of Human Services to amend its MaineCare rules to allow licensed marriage and family therapists to provide services to children or adults referred by the Bureau of Child and Family Services or the Bureau of Elder and Adult Services. The amendment proposed to require the Department of Human Services to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters by January 31, 2005 regarding the implementation and initial impact of this rule change.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2003, chapter 107 requires the Department of Human Services to amend its MaineCare rules to allow licensed marriage and family therapists to provide assessment, counseling and therapeutic services to children or adults referred by the Bureau of Child and Family Services or the Bureau of Elder and Adult Services. The resolve requires the Department of Human Services to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters by January 31, 2005 regarding the implementation and initial impact of this rule change.

LD 535

An Act To Strengthen Health Data Information and Health Planning

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TURNER DUDLEY	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

LD 535 proposed to establish the State Health Planning Commission to adopt a statewide comprehensive health plan by November 1, 2003 and every 2 years thereafter and to report to the Legislature and the Department of Human Services once every 2 years. The bill proposed to require the Maine Health Data Organization to work with other organizations to evaluate health outcomes and clinical pathways. It also proposed to require the Maine Health Data Organization to collect data on total health care system utilization, costs and revenues and to release information to the public in a user-friendly manner.