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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).

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:

<i>CARRIED OVER PURSUANT TO HP 1212</i>	<i>Bills carried over to the 2nd Regular Session</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i>	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED IN CONCURRENCE</i>	<i>One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY</i>	<i>Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<i>ONTP</i>	<i>Ought Not To Pass report accepted</i>
<i>OTP-ND</i>	<i>Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft</i>
<i>P&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
<i>PASSED</i>	<i>Joint Order passed in both bodies</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of finally passed Resolve</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i>	<i>Bill held by Governor</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>

Please note that the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is September 13, 2003.

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Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services

LD 1542

An Act To Effectively Separate Children's Homes from Adult Residential Care Facilities Regarding Fire Safety

PUBLIC 411

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KANE WESTON	OTP-AM	H-487

LD 1542 proposed to delineate the Life Safety Code of the National Fire Protection Association requirements under which children's homes are inspected. Currently, children's homes' life safety code requirements are linked to code requirements for assisted living programs, so statute changes enacted in 2002 that changed code requirements for assisted living programs also affected children's homes. This bill proposed to assign fire safety code requirements that are more suitable for children's homes.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-487) proposed to apply the bill's requirements for children's homes with 7 to 16 beds to homes with 4 to 16 beds. It proposed to clarify the requirement for facilities with 6 or fewer beds. It proposed to correct wording regarding board and care facilities.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2003, chapter 411 applies the bill's requirements for children's homes with 7 to 16 beds to homes with 4 to 16 beds. It clarifies the requirement for facilities with 6 or fewer beds.

LD 1562

An Act To Change the Name of the Augusta Mental Health Institute DIED BETWEEN to the "Dorothea Lynde Dix Center" BODIES

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAGGETT	OTP-AM A	
O'BRIEN J	OTP-AM B	
	OTP-AM C	

LD 1562 proposed to change the name of the Augusta Mental Health Institute to "Riverview Psychiatric Center."

Committee Amendment "A" (S-208), which was not adopted, proposed to add a provision to the bill to direct the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to install a plaque in the Riverview Psychiatric Center in memory of Dorothea Lynde Dix. It also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill. The amendment was adopted by the House.

Committee Amendment "B" (S-209), which was not adopted, proposed to change the name of the Augusta Mental Health Institute to "Riverview Center." The amendment proposed to direct the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to dedicate a space in the Riverview Center to Dorothea Lynde Dix. It also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

Committee Amendment "C" (S-210), which was not adopted, proposed to change the name of the Augusta Mental Health Institute to "Dorothea Lynde Dix Center." It also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill. The amendment was adopted by the Senate.