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Bill Summaries

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Summary of Legislation Considered by the Joint Standing Committees
August 2005

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing 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 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. A subject index for each committee is included immediately before the bill summaries for that committee, and a numerical index by LD number is included 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:

- 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
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 First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is June 29, 2005; and for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Special Session is September 17, 2005.

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correctional facility to notify the Executive Director of Dirigo Health prior to beginning the clinical trial. The bill proposed to require annual reports from the executive director regarding notifications of clinical trials.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 2005, chapter 77 directs the Department of Health and Human Services to study the accessibility of information regarding the results of certain clinical trials of pharmaceuticals, treatment options and medical devices and the enrollment of certain persons in those trials. The resolve requires a report by January 30, 2006 to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services with the results of the study. The resolve requires the Department of Health and Human Services to post on its website links to public information regarding clinical trials of pharmaceuticals, treatment options and medical devices by November 15, 2005.

LD 725

An Act To Require the Disclosure of Certain Financial Information from Hospitals and Their Affiliates

PUBLIC 249

Sponsor(s)
CANAVAN
MAYO

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
H-339

LD 725 proposed to require a hospital licensed by the Department of Health and Human Services to disclose annually certain financial information regarding the hospital and any entity that is owned, controlled or affiliated with the hospital.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, requires the annual public disclosure of federal Internal Revenue Service Form 990 for each hospital and for each tax-exempt entity related to that hospital that is required by federal law to submit that form to the Internal Revenue Service. The law also requires hospitals to annually publicly disclose the federal Internal Revenue Service Form 1120 for each for-profit corporation in which the hospital has a controlling interest. This information must be submitted annually to the Department of Health and Human Services, which must make the information available to the public for inspection and photocopying and must post the information on its public website.

LD 741

An Act To Designate the Department of Health and Human Services as the Official State Agency Responsible for Programs for Persons Affected by Brain Injury

PUBLIC 229

Sponsor(s)
MARTIN

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
S-171

LD 741 proposed to designate the Department of Health and Human Services as the official state agency responsible for acquired brain injury services and programs. It proposed to direct the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to appoint an acquired brain injury advisory council to advise the department on all matters related to the administration of acquired brain injury programs and services. It proposed to require that

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membership on the council be broadly representative of persons with acquired brain injury and their families and providers of services to persons with acquired brain injury and their families.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 229 requires the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to provide recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by January 16, 2006 on the most appropriate method for creating a permanent, effective and coordinated system within the Department of Health and Human Services for advising the commissioner and the department on all matters pertaining to the administration and provision of services and programs for persons with acquired brain injury and their families.

LD 742 **An Act To Postpone the Repeal Date on Nonhospital Expenditures
in the Capital Investment Fund** **PUBLIC 227**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> TURNER SHIELDS		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-179
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LD 742 proposed to postpone by 3 years the repeal date established in the Dirigo Health laws for setting aside 12.5% of the capital investment fund, the annual limit established for expenditures approved through the certificate of need program for nonhospital projects.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 227 changes the repeal date established in the Dirigo Health laws for setting aside 12.5% of the capital investment fund, the annual limit established for expenditures approved through the certificate of need program for nonhospital projects, to 2008.

LD 768 **An Act Regarding General Assistance under Special
Circumstances** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> GLYNN		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 768 proposed to provide that a municipality remains responsible for 30 days to 6 months for the basic living needs of a person who qualifies for general assistance for whom a social service agency has provided housing if that housing is provided in a new municipality.