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## State Of Maine 122nd Legislature

#### Second Regular Session

#### **Bill Summaries**

# Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services

#### July 2006

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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 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	
	ne 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 PASSAG	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	
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 (Pocket Veto)	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 August 23, 2006.

#### Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services

LD 2011

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 113: Regulations Governing the Licensing and Functioning of Assisted Housing Programs: Level III Residential Care Facilities, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services RESOLVE 157 EMERGENCY

Sponsor(s) Committee Report Amendments Adopted
OTP

LD 2011 proposed to provide for legislative review of portions of Chapter 113: Regulations Governing the Licensing and Functioning of Assisted Housing Programs: Level III Residential Care Facilities, a major substantive rule of the Department of Health and Human Services.

#### Enacted law summary

Resolve 2005, chapter 157 provides for legislative review of portions of Chapter 113: Regulations Governing the Licensing and Functioning of Assisted Housing Programs: Level III Residential Care Facilities, a major substantive rule of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Resolve 2005, chapter 157 was passed as an emergency measure effective March 30, 2006.

LD 2022

An Act To Implement Recommendations of the Study Commission Regarding Livable Wages Concerning Subsidized Child Care ONTP

Sponsor(s) Committee Report Amendments Adopted
ONTP

LD 2022, a recommendation of the Study Commission Regarding Livable Wages, proposed to direct the Department of Health and Human Services to annually report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services on the department's efforts toward meeting a goal of ensuring that at least 70% of eligible children have access to child care subsidies.

LD 2062

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter III, Section 50: Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services RESOLVE 196 EMERGENCY

Sponsor(s) Committee Report Amendments Adopted
OTP

LD 2062 proposed to provide for legislative review of portions of Chapter III, Section 50: Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded, a major substantive rule of the Department of Health and Human Services.