

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
STATE GOVERNMENT
BILL SUMMARY



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1427

AN ACT TO INSURE FAIRNESS IN THE
ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNITED STATES
SOCIAL SECURITY ACT BY THE STATE DIS-
ABILITY DETERMINATION SERVICES

Andrews

LV/WD

SUMMARY: ID 1427 intended to disclose the practices and attitudes of the Disability Determination Services within the Department of Human Services. The Disability Determination Services argued that DDS is required to use the Program Operation Manual System (POMS) which are more restrictive than the rules adopted in the Federal Register. As a result, administrative court judges overturn 60-70% of the DDS decisions.

Pine Tree Legal Association on the other hand indicated that while the different sets of rules are indeed a problem, the issue pertains also to medical decisions based on no substantiating evidence, a lack of sufficient and adequately trained personnel, and a negative attitude toward disability assistance applicants. Pine Tree Legal supported the proposal for a 12 member commission to investigate DDS.

In Congress, there are 2 bills designed to resolve the discrepancy between the two sets of rules. In addition, Massachusetts is conducting a study of the issue.

1437

RESOLVE, PROVIDING FOR A STUDY OF A
MAINE PRODUCT MARKETING STRATEGY AND
A MAINE BUSINESS PRODUCT LOGO

Michael

PASS -
RESOLVE 25

SUMMARY: Please refer to LD 507.

1448

AN ACT TO RESTRICT REIMBURSEMENT OF
MILEAGE TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS TO
NO MORE THAN THAT RECEIVED BY STATE
EMPLOYEES

Gwadosky

ENACT. PL 209

SUMMARY: Please refer to LD 1311.

1468

RESOLUTION, PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT
TO THE CONSTITUTION OF MAINE TO RE-
QUIRE THAT LEGISLATORS BE SENT NOTI-
FICATION SEVEN CALENDAR DAYS IN AD-
VANCE OF SPECIAL SESSIONS

Armstrong

SUMMARY: Please refer to LD 764.

1469

AN ACT TO PROMOTE APPRENTICESHIP
AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES IN STATE
GOVERNMENT AND TO ASSIST QUALIFIED RE-
CIPIENTS OF AID TO FAMILIES WITH DE-
PENDENT CHILDREN TO COMPETE

Mitchell, E.

ENACT. PL 260

SUMMARY: Please refer to LD 789.

1477

AN ACT TO REQUIRE ANY APPLICANT FOR
GUARANTEED LOANS FROM THE MAINE

Carter

LV/WD