

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1604 AN ACT TO REGULATE SMOKING
ON PUBLIC CONVEYANCES IN THE
STATE OF MAINE

Rep. P. Reeves

HSE STAT-CONF. UNABLE
TO AGREE

SUMMARY: The new draft of LD 1067 limited the scope, by prohibiting smoking in elevators or intrastate buses (Federal regulations govern interstate buses) and requiring the display of signs. Smoking was prohibited on ferries, except in designated areas.

Floor amendments changed the section on buses, to allow smoking in designated areas of intrastate buses which were traveling over 50 miles.

The bill was referred to a Committee of Conference, which was unable to agree on new language. The bill therefore failed.

1668 AN ACT TO REQUIRE INTERDEPART-
MENTAL COORDINATION OF SOCIAL
SERVICES PLANNING

Rep. Brodeur

HSE-ENACT.
SEN-ENACT.
GOV-SIGNED
PL 83, c. 495

SUMMARY: ID 1668, the new draft of LD 1236, added a definition of the departments involved, and presented a simplified process for the development of a plan and its submission to the Legislature. The plan itself is to be developed according to a memorandum of agreement. A prebudget outline of the plan is to be given to the Appropriations Committee, and the Health and Institutional Services Committee, by September 15; the Committees have 10 days in which to conduct public workshops. The proposed plan will be submitted to the Legislature. The H & I S Committee is to hold hearings on the plan during each Legislature; the Appropriations Committee is to incorporate its recommendations on the plan into the budget preparation process. These statutory provisions followed the memorandum of agreement signed by the executive agencies, which was more detailed as to the content and dissemination of the plan.

By House Amendment H-347, the reference to a memorandum of agreement was changed to an Executive Order; House Amendment H-383 corrected the reference to the date of that Order. H-347 also added a new definition, which required health and medical services to be included, rather than excluded, within the category of social services.

Another House Amendment which was not adopted (H-378) had an incorrect reference to the date of the executive order.

1682 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH FUNDING
FOR PROGRAMS OF PREVENTIVE
INTERVENTION AND FAMILY
SUPPORT

Rep. Ketover

HSE-ADHERED TO FAILED
ENACTMENT
SEN-ENACT.

SUMMARY: ID 1682, the Majority Report's new draft of LD 685, corrected the statutory reference to the license fee, and added a Fiscal Note that the amount expected to be generated would be approximately \$120,000 a

year. A Senate Amendment (S-261) added that as an appropriation and required the fee increase to be deposited in the General Fund.

The bill was enacted in the Senate, but after several attempts to revive it, failed enactment in the House.

1683 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE Rep. Ketover HSE-ACCP MAJ (LD 1682)
MONEYS FOR PROGRAMS OF PRE- SEN-ACCP MAJ (LD 1682)
VENTIVE INTERVENTION AND
FAMILY SUPPORT

SUMMARY: LD 1683, the Minority Report's new draft of LD 685, corrected the statutory reference to the license fee, and added a direct appropriation, rather than having a dedicated account.

1650 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE AND FUND A Sen. Bustin LV/WD
MEDICAL MODEL OF CONGREGATE HSE-ACCP LV/WD
HOUSING SEN-ACCP LV/WD

SUMMARY: The bill authorized the Commissioner of Human Services to establish a medical model of congregate housing as an alternative to nursing home care, and to provide funding to one site for a 2-year demonstration project. Among the conditions for eligibility for receiving a subsidy to participate in the project were that the persons be Medicaid recipients who were classified as requiring ICF-level nursing home care.

There was some concern expressed about the definition of a "medical model" and the limitation to Medicaid recipients, but also strong support for more development of alternatives to institutionalization. Recognizing these points, the Committee developed a new draft, which authorized the Commissioner to provide funds for various alternatives to nursing home care, including rental assistance, and delivery of medical and social services in a congregate housing setting.

The sponsor however withdrew the bill.

1664 RESOLVE, TO ESTABLISH A MAINE Rep. Benoit OTP-A
COMMISSION TO EXAMINE THE HSE-ENACT.
AVAILABILITY, QUALITY AND SEN-ENACT.
DELIVERY OF MENTAL HEALTH GOV-SIGNED
SERVICES FOR CHILDREN RESOLVE 83, c. 47

SUMMARY: The bill established a 31-member study commission, including 6 legislators, to study the current procedures for identifying and assisting children who have special psychological, emotional and behavioral needs, and to make recommendations, including legislation, to the 2nd Regular Session of the Legislature.

The Committee Amendment (H-388) changed the term "mental health services for children" to "services provided to children with special needs," to emphasize the broader scope of the Commission. It also