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ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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BILL SUMMARIES
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the Second Regular Session of the 111th Legislature. The summaries are arranged alphabetically, and indexed separately by committee.

STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
HEALTH AND INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES
BILL SUMMARY



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There was considerable discussion as to whether the bill was sufficiently clear in showing which information was confidential, and which could be released. The Maine Press Association was interested in having access to information contained in the licensing record.

After further discussion between the MPA, the Attorney General's Office and the Department of Human Services, a new draft was prepared.

1995	AN ACT TO ENSURE MEDICAL COVERAGE OF RESIDENTS IN COST REIMBURSEMENT BOARDING HOMES	Bustin	OTP-ND ID 2266
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SUMMARY: The Federal government revoked Medicaid coverage for residents of cost-reimbursement boarding homes whose income was slightly above the Medicaid eligibility limits, a long-established Maine policy. After making payments to the boarding home, the remaining income was insufficient to cover both personal needs and medical expenses.

The emergency bill, as presented, did not sufficiently address the situation, and so a redraft was prepared by the Department of Human Services and Pine Tree Legal Assistance.

1996	AN ACT AMENDING THE CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES AND CHILD PROTECTION ACT	Bustin	OTP-ND ID 2386 (Maj) & ID 2387 (Min)
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SUMMARY: The bill was originally referred to the Judiciary Committee. Two sections of the bill were in response to a Federal requirement, and clarified the need for appointment of a guardian ad litem for the child at hearings involving child protection proceedings; there was no opposition to those provisions.

A third section added criminal penalties for disclosure of confidential record information, and at the hearing the Department of Human Services requested additional language prohibiting persons who legally receive departmental records from copying them or releasing them to others. The Maine Press Association objected to this addition.

Lastly, the bill made clear that immunity from liability for reporting of child abuse or neglect would not extend to immunity if the reporter was the perpetrator. The Senate Legal Counsel expressed a concern that there not be ambiguity as to whether a person would be immune from prosecution for perjury.