

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
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BILL SUMMARIES  
JUNE 1984

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  
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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
HEALTH AND INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES  
BILL SUMMARY



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The Department of Human Services opposed the bill, primarily on the basis of the cost to the State Medicaid program. They also argued that current reimbursement levels had not led to a decrease in the number of providers.

The Committee discussed possible amounts of increase, but the Department objected to the Legislature setting a specific fee schedule. The compromise was to increase the funds allocated to the Emergency Medical Services portion of the Medicaid budget.

2172

AN ACT TO CORRECT ERRORS  
AND INCONSISTENCIES IN THE  
SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION LAW AND  
OTHER RELATED LAWS

HSE-ENACT  
SEN-ENACT  
GOV-SIGNED  
PL 83, c. 661

**SUMMARY:** The new draft of LD 1869 updated language and repealed conflicting provisions in the School Immunization Law in Title 20-A so it may be read clearly with the public health provisions of Title 22.

It required superintendents to notify the Department of Human Services of communicable diseases.

It repealed the current sections on immunization, and rewrote them to include new definitions, a clearer statement on record-keeping, a requirement of an annual report on the immunization status of students in each school (to be submitted to the Director of the Bureau of Health and to the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services) and the promulgation of joint rules.

2186

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH FARM  
PROGRAMS AT CORRECTIONAL  
FACILITIES

McHenry

OTP-A  
HSE-ENACT  
SEN-ENACT  
GOV-SIGNED  
PL 83, c. 724

**SUMMARY:** There was no opposition to this bill, which permits a farm program to be established at each correctional facility, specifies the disposition of the products and revenue and establishes a special account.

The Committee Amendment (H-566) further expands the opportunities for disposition of surplus products, and makes clear that there is no legislative intent that a state program adversely impact private businesses.