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BILL SUMMARY



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2187 AN ACT TO REQUIRE PRISONERS ON WORK RELEASE TO PAY FOR THE COST OF THEIR BOARD IN A CORRECTIONAL FACILITY C.B. Smith OTP-A
HSE-ENACT
SEN-ENACT
GOV-SIGNED
PL 83, c. 734

SUMMARY: Prisoners on work release now pay the cost of their transportation; the bill added the requirement that they also pay for their board, in an amount determined by the Commissioner of Corrections.

There was no opposition to the bill, but the Maine Council of Churches suggested the board costs should be determined in light of other financial responsibilities, and that there should be some rules covering the determination process.

The Committee Amendment (H-580) specified that the board cost should be "reasonable," and that the Commissioner should determine that by considering other claims on the prisoner's income.

2193 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE CON- GREGATE HOUSING PROGRAM FOR MAINE'S ELDERLY Conley OTP-A
HSE-ENACT
SEN-ENACT
GOV-SIGNED
PL 83, c. 695

SUMMARY: 22 M.R.S.A. chapter 1457-A, enacted by PL 1979, c. 717, established 2 demonstration programs of congregate housing for the elderly, administered by the Bureau of Maine's Elderly.

This bill repealed the references to the projects, and established new sections for the definition, administration and certification of permanent congregate housing services programs.

The Committee Amendment (S-321) added groups which finance congregate housing facilities to the Advisory Committee to the Bureau; it also made the certification program voluntary.

2197 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE LICENSING AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN MEDICINE HSE-ENACT
SEN-ENACT
GOV-SIGNED
PL 83, c. 741

SUMMARY: The new draft of LD 1966 clarified further the distinction among applicants, based on their graduation from either an accredited medical school, or an unaccredited medical school. The latter group would have to meet additional certification or examination criteria. All applicants are to pass a qualifying examination, and also a Maine examination. The required postgraduate education is increased from 12 to 24 months.

The other sections of the new draft either conform existing statutory provisions with the new licensure requirements, or repeat the provisions of LD 1966.

House Amendment "A" (H-512) clarified the applicability of the provisions on post-graduate education to applicants who graduated from medical school before 1970; in the process, it used an incorrect term, which was corrected by Senate Amendment "B" (S-341). A further Senate Amendment "A" (S-309), which included some of the language in S-341, was not offered. House Amendment "B" (H-535) added and deleted language mistakenly omitted from the new draft.

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| 2218 | AN ACT AUTHORIZING AN ADOPTION ASSISTANCE COMPACT AND PROCEDURES FOR INTER- STATE SERVICES PAYMENTS | Nelson | OTP HSE-ENACT SEN-ENACT GOV-SIGNED PL 83, c. 721 |
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SUMMARY: The legislation was required by Federal law, and allows the Department of Human Services to establish agreements with similar agencies in other states for protection and medical care of children adopted in one state whose parents have moved to another state.

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| 2266 | AN ACT TO ENSURE MEDICAL COVERAGE OF RESIDENTS IN COST REIMBURSEMENT BOARDING HOMES | | HSE-EMER ENACT SEN-EMER ENACT GOV-EMER SIGNED PL 83, c. 749 |
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SUMMARY: The new draft of LD 1995 enacted a medical coverage program for those boarding home residents who are eligible for Medicaid because of blindness, disability or age, and whose income is above a certain level, but still insufficient by state standards for personal needs and medical care.

The Senate Amendment (S-349) corrected a printing error, and also included language in the Statement of Fact explaining the program. (House Amendment H-589 was not offered; it is identical to S-349.)

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| 2293 | AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN DEFINITIONS IN THE MAINE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TREATMENT ACT OF 1982 | | HSE-ENACT SEN-ENACT GOV-SIGNED PL 93, c. 693 |
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SUMMARY: The new draft of LD 1841 amended both the definition of "ambulance" and of "ambulance service."

The new definition makes clear that transportation of ill or injured persons, for reasons not connected with the illness or injury, does not constitute operation of an ambulance or ambulance service. It also includes boarding homes and children's homes, as well as nursing homes.