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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
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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
HEALTH AND INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES
BILL SUMMARY



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2012 AN ACT RELATING TO ALLOWANCES Gill LV/WD
AND POLICIES FOR MEDICAL HSE-ACPT LV/WD
EQUIPMENT FOR MEDICAID SEN-ACPT LV/WD
RECIPIENTS

SUMMARY: The bill was presented in response to a new policy of the Department of Human Services on reimbursement for medical supplies, and would have established a different profile for these reimbursements.

The Committee arranged a meeting between the Department and suppliers of medical equipment, which led to proposed new rules on reimbursement. The bill was then withdrawn.

2132 AN ACT TO ALLOW ELDERLY Wood MAJ-ONTP
PERSONS TO HAVE PETS IN MIN-OTIP -A
PUBLIC HOUSING HSE-ADHERED TO
MAJ REP
SEN-ADHERED TO
ENG WITH CA & SA

SUMMARY: The bill established provisions by which elderly persons living in public housing could keep pets, and defined the types of pets and the nature of public housing.

The arguments against the bill were the imprecision of the definition of public housing, the cost of damage done by pets, unfairness to those allergic to or afraid of animals, discrimination against the non-elderly in public housing, and pending Federal rules permitting pets in Federal public housing.

The Minority Report, which limited the definition of "public housing" to projects managed by state or municipal housing authorities (S-325), was adopted only in the Senate. Another amendment (S-342), which made provisions for damage control and liability, was also adopted only in the Senate.

The House adopted the Majority Report, and so the bill failed between houses.

2249 AN ACT TO AMEND THE STATUTE Kane MAJ-OTIP -A
RELATING TO THE SALE AND MIN-ONTP
FREE DISTRIBUTION OF HSE-ADHERED TO
CIGARETTES TO CHILDREN ENG W/CA
SEN-ADHERED TO
MIN REP

SUMMARY: Administrators from the Maine Youth Center argued that most of their clients smoke, and that there are institutional rules limiting smoking. They wanted to continue to permit smoking to assist their clients who are in a stressful situation, and therefore sought an exemption from compliance with a law passed last year (PL 83, c. 289) which prohibited the selling, furnishing or giving away of cigarettes to children under 18.

The majority of Committee members agreed with the administrators, but decided to add an amendment (H-650) which required written parental permission before the child under 18 could receive cigarettes.

Another amendment (H-657) which allowed only selling of cigarettes, and prohibited furnishing or giving away, was not adopted.

2387 AN ACT AMENDING THE CHILD
AND FAMILY SERVICES AND CHILD
PROTECTION ACT

SUMMARY: The Minority Committee Report from LD 1996 differed from the Majority (LD 2386) only in prohibiting imprisonment for unlawful dissemination of records.

It was initially accepted by the Senate, who subsequently accepted the Majority Report.