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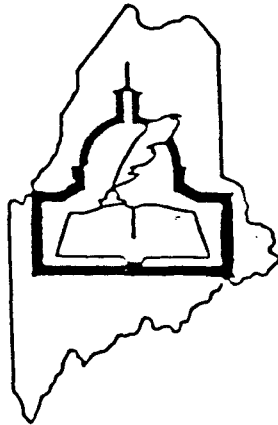
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HUMAN RESOURCES
BILL SUMMARY



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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 First Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number and indexed separately by committee.

COMMITTEE: HUM-RES

LD: 42 AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOCIAL SERVICES PLANNING AND EXPENDITURES ACT

BERUBE
MELENDY
MANNING
PINES

ND: 1132

OTP-ND HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

The Social Services Planning and Expenditures Act was enacted in 1983 to establish a procedure and a timetable for the development of a Social Services Plan. The Plan would include an assessment of past programs and preliminary recommendations for the next year. The procedure would include an outline of the Plan, workshops held by Legislative committees, and recommendations on the Plan by those committees, culminating in the budget document prepared by the Governor. Many of the details of this project are contained in an Executive Order which is referenced in the legislation.

This bill sought to amend that Act to:

1. change the focus from a prospective plan to a retrospective report;
2. remove the reference to the Executive Order; and
3. delete specific references to legislative workshops and pre-budget reports.

The Committee Amendment (LD 1132) replaced this bill.

LD: 43 AN ACT TO ENSURE CONSISTENCY BETWEEN 2 STATE LAWS CONCERNING PERSONAL CARE ASSISTANCE SERVICES

ANDREWS
BOUTILIER
NELSON
TAYLOR
PUBLIC
CH # 34

OTP-AM HOUSE Enacted
SENATE Enacted
GOV SIGNED

S-7 CA H S

SUMMARY:

Personal care assistance services for severely physically disabled individuals are currently authorized by Maine Statutes in two separate sections of Title 22. 22 MRSA Chapter 717-A provides subsidies to eligible individuals who need the services to enable them to work. 22 MRSA Subtitle 5 (Home Base Care Act) provides in-home and community support subsidies to eligible individuals whose

physical limitations impede their ability to live independently or who may be or already are placed in an institutional setting inappropriately.

This law clarifies the language between the personal care assistance work program and the personal care assistance program under the Home Base Care Act by using identical language whenever possible to establish consistent implementation of the fee schedule in both laws. In addition, it provides that the PCA work program not be limited to daylight hours.

The Committee amendment (S-7) clarified the language of the original bill and described some of the attributes of the sliding scale by adding language to:

- (1) Establish that the sliding scale for financial participation be based on net income;
- (2) Factor in the expenses associated with the disability in the determination of ability to participate financially; and
- (3) Allow for the income determination to be based on a declaration of income determination by the client, subject to bureau acceptance of that declaration.

LD:	48	AN ACT TO REPEAL THE STATUTE CONCERNING PREMARITAL MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS	CARROLL BUSTIN PINES KIMBALL PUBLIC CH # 8
	OTP	HOUSE Enacted SENATE Enacted GOV SIGNED	

SUMMARY:

This law repeals the statutes requiring premarital medical examinations, originally enacted to detect the presence of sexually transmitted diseases prior to marriage.

Enforcement of the law dealing with premarital medical examinations has been suspended by administrative action for over 10 years. During the last 4 years of enforcement, \$400,000 was spent testing 100,000 people to detect one new case of primary syphilis. The data from the state's sexually transmitted disease program continues to indicate that the syphilis cases occurring in Maine are in groups other than the group of persons contemplating marriage. More than 20 states have repealed their premarital syphilis laws. The Bureau of Health foresaw no likelihood of a change in this trend.