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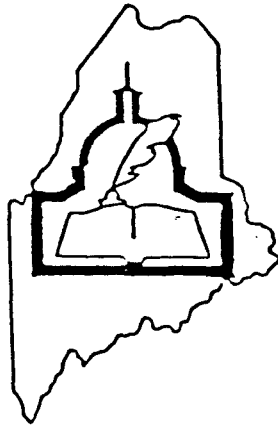
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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
HUMAN RESOURCES
BILL SUMMARY



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BILL SUMMARIES
JULY 1985

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.

LD:

133

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT SMOKING IN CERTAIN
RETAIL STORES

HILLOCK
HICHENS

OTP-AM

HOUSE Enacted
SENATE Enacted
GOV SIGNED

PUBLIC
CH # 115

H-58

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SUMMARY:

This law prohibits smoking in retail stores in which the total area open to the public exceeds 4,000 square feet. Private offices and areas not generally open to the public may be designated, totally or partially, as smoking or no smoking areas at the discretion of the employer or other person or persons who have been given that authority.

The committee amendment (H-58) clarified the exceptions to the smoking prohibition and deleted the specific language which must be on the sign to allow stores more flexibility in case they wished to express the smoking prohibition as a violation of state law. The amendment also addressed the enforcement concerns of many people who testified by ensuring that the only responsibility the owner or responsible party had was to implement the law and post a sufficient number of signs. Failure to comply with this will result in a civil violation and a possible fine of up to \$50.

LD:

201

AN ACT TO AMEND THE MEDICAL RADIATION,
HEALTH AND SAFETY ACT

BELL
TWITCHFILL
WALKER

LU-WD

HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

The Medical Radiation Health and Safety Act provides authority for the Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners to license three types of professionals:

1. Radiographer: someone who applies ionizing radiation to human beings for diagnostic purposes. The law authorizes limited licenses in this category. There are currently 6 types of limited licenses, based on the body part being x-rayed;
2. Nuclear Medicine Technologist: someone who uses radionuclide agents on human beings for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes. The law does not allow limited licenses in this category; and
3. Radiation Therapy Technologist: someone who applies ionizing radiation to human beings for therapeutic purposes. No limited licenses are provided for in this category.

This bill sought to create a limited license in category 2 above. The license would have been for a Limited Nuclear Medical Imaging Technologist: someone who could use nuclear medical imaging (a limited technique) for diagnostic purposes only (a limited purpose.)

The Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners indicated that it currently tests for a limited Nuclear Medical Technologist but issues a full license, i.e. they only test for limited skills but issue a license for the full range of skills indicated by the license. (Those with National Certification are already tested for the full skills and do not pose a problem.)

This bill was granted a leave to withdraw.

LD: 203 AN ACT TO ALLOW TRANSMITTAL OF CERTIFICATES OF ILLEGITIMATE BIRTHS TO OTHER MUNICIPALITIES TELOW
POULIOT

OTP HOUSE Enacted PUBLIC
SENATE Enacted CH # 25
GOV SIGNED

SUMMARY:

This law allows the clerk of a municipality where an illegitimate birth occurred to transmit a copy of the birth certificate to the clerk of the municipality where the mother resides. This allows a mother to more easily obtain a copy of her child's birth record, for such purposes as school enrollment, without having to request the certificate from the municipality where the child was born or from the State.

LD: 267 AN ACT RELATING TO RADIATION USER FEES UNDER THE HUMAN SERVICES LAW KANY
BUSTIN
BRODEUR
MICHAUD
PUBLIC
CH # 40

OTP HOUSE Enacted
SENATE Enacted
GOV SIGNED

H-20 HA BRODEUR H S

SUMMARY:

The registration fee for operating nuclear power plants is used to support DHS environmental surveillance activities around Maine Yankee. The previous fee of \$59,200 was established in 1979 and had not been adjusted for inflation, while consumer prices have increased about 40%. This law increases the fee to \$75,000, a 26.7% increase.