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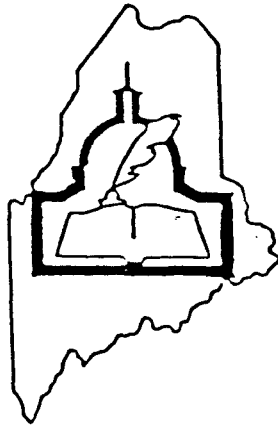
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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
HUMAN RESOURCES
BILL SUMMARY



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

LD: 386 AN ACT TO INCLUDE RESTITUTION AS A
DISCIPLINARY CONSEQUENCE TO INMATE MISCONDUCT
ND: 1371 AT STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

COOPER
CHALMERS
DRINKWATER
KANE

OTP-ND HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
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SUMMARY:

The current law governing the disciplinary consequences for inmate misconduct at state correctional facilities or for misconduct of juveniles committed to the Maine Youth Center or to the Department of Corrections does not include the option for restitution when state property has been damaged or destroyed through misconduct. The bill allowed for inmates and these juveniles to be held accountable for their behavior by requiring, when appropriate, restitution for any property that has been damaged or destroyed as a result of their misconduct.

The committee reworded the original concept clarifying, expanding, and providing safeguards for inmates' dependents. See the new draft, LD 1371, for more detail.

LD: 417 AN ACT TO PROVIDE GREATER DISCRETION TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES IN PROVIDING
ASSISTANCE TO NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

TWITCHELL
CLARK N

LU-WD HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
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SUMMARY:

This bill, as drafted, would have required the State to pay for approximately 50 nursing home residents a month who have been terminated from the Medicaid program for assets in excess of the Federal guidelines. From the testimony presented to the committee, it became apparent that the intent of the legislation was merely to address a few unique situations in which Medicaid is terminated and it is discovered an error was made in the initial evaluation or that other extraordinary circumstances create a problem. This bill was granted leave to withdraw with the understanding that the Department of Human Services and the nursing home industry would attempt to resolve that issue administratively. Letters were sent to the Commissioner and the Maine Health Care Association to express that understanding.