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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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:

591

AN ACT TO PROTECT APPLICANTS FOR ADMISSION
TO NURSING HOMES FROM UNFAIR AND ILLEGAL
TRADE PRACTICES

BUSTIN
CONNOLLY
HAYDEN
MELENDY
PUBLIC
CH # 291

OTP-AM

HOUSE Enacted
SENATE Enacted
GOV SIGNED

S-133
S-143

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SUMMARY

The original bill required a uniform admission contract for nursing homes, to be developed by October 1, 1985. Failure to comply with the uniform contract would have been a violation of the Fair Trade Practices Act.

The committee amendment (S-133) replaced the original bill and amended the title to: "AN ACT Concerning Admission Contracts for Nursing Homes". It provided statutory guidelines for the provisions of any admission contract or agreement between a nursing home and a resident. Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-143) corrected the terminology for referring to "rules".

LD:

605

AN ACT RELATING TO CONTRACTS FOR CHILDREN'S
PLACEMENT AT RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES

ROLDE
MURPHY T
GILL
DANTON
PUBLIC
CH # 274

OTP-AM

HOUSE Enacted
SENATE Enacted
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SUMMARY

This bill originally sought to provide guidelines for determining the number of children to be placed in residential treatment centers by the state and the number of contracted spaces the state should reserve for those children. The bill suggested that the factors to be used in making this determination should be the demonstrated need for placements, the number of beds available, the most recent prior usage, and overall state policies regarding services to children. It would also have established a criteria for rate-setting (rates should be based on actual allowable historical costs of providing services) and would have required the contracts to "state clearly the reasons leading to the number of children placed and the rates for placement. The contracts would be for a two year period. The commissioner would be required to identify the number of children to be placed and the funds available in their budget request. The bill also proposed an advisory group to meet with the commissioner at least annually to review rate and placement policies and procedures.