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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.

LD: 845 AN ACT TO REQUIRE PRIOR CONSENT OF A PATIENT BEFORE A MEDICAL CONSULTANT CAN PROVIDE A BILLABLE SERVICE CASHMAN  
IISNIK  
BOST  
CARROLL

ONTP HOUSE Accepted Committee Report  
SENATE Accepted Committee Report  
GOV  
H-383 CA MIN REP

SUMMARY

This bill would have prevented a physician, chiropractor, or podiatrist from using or employing a medical consultant for a patient without the patient's consent in writing. The committee majority report, ONTP, was accepted. A minority report of the committee (H-383) eliminated the need for a written consent form and required disclosure to patients of their right to refuse payment for medical consultations if they have not consented to the consultation. It excluded routine lab tests, x-rays, and anesthesiology and provided for emergency situations or situations when the patient is unable or incompetent to consent to a consultation.

LD: 846 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT ELECTRIC SERVICE IS NOT A BASIC NECESSITY UNDER THE GENERAL ASSISTANCE LAWS AFTER THE WINTER PERIOD BROWN D  
WILLEY

LU-WD HOUSE Accepted Committee Report  
SENATE Accepted Committee Report  
GOV

SUMMARY:

This bill sought to amend the definition of basic necessities under the municipal general assistance law to provide that electricity will only be considered a basic necessity during the winter months.