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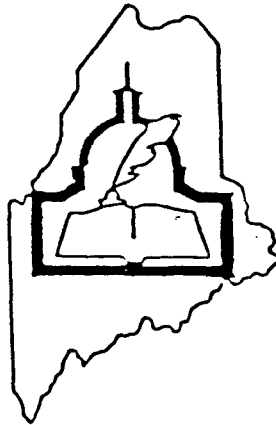
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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
HUMAN RESOURCES
BILL SUMMARY



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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: 1174 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE DETERMINATION OF FAIR
RETURN ALLOWANCES FOR FOR-PROFIT HOSPITALS

BRANNIGAN
GWADOSKY
BRODEUR

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

SUMMARY:

This bill sought to add more specific language to the Health Care Finance Commission laws by enacting an interpretation of "fair value" which is based on the original cost approach. Fair value, in this context, is used in assessing the return, or profit, to be allowed to proprietary hospitals.

LD: 1183 AN ACT CONCERNING INSPECTION OF BOARDING
CARE FACILITIES

MAYBURY
GILL
PINES
BERUBE

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

SUMMARY:

This bill would have provided for minimum inspection requirements for boarding care facilities; i.e. annual inspections of boarding care facilities by the department to insure that the quality of care and treatment of residents in the facilities is adequate.

LD: 1184 AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE MEDICAL SERVICES
FOR VICTIMS OF RAPE, GROSS SEXUAL MISCONDUCT
OR SEXUAL ABUSE

ANDREWS
DOW
NELSON
SMALL
PUBLIC
CH # 375

OTP-AM HOUSE Enacted
SENATE Enacted
GOV SIGNED

S-225 CA MAJ REP H S

SUMMARY:

The original bill established a program for women and girls to fund medical procedures chosen and deemed necessary to terminate a pregnancy which is the result of rape, gross sexual misconduct, incest or sexual abuse.

The committee amendment (S-225) replaced the bill. It provided an information and referral service for medically indigent persons who have become pregnant as a result of rape, gross sexual misconduct, incest or sexual abuse. As a part of this service, the Department of Human Services will provide a list of medical and social services available to these individuals from the State and private sources. Each person receiving the information will be strongly counseled and urged to report the crime to the appropriate authorities.

The information provided by the department shall also be made available to rape crisis centers, family planning agencies and other organizations.

A minority report of the committee recommending ONTP was unsuccessful.

LD: 1198 AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOL-RELATED BIRTH DEFECTS

BUSTIN
GILL
DIAMOND J
MASTERMAN

OTP-AM HOUSE Eng-as-Amended
SENATE Adhered to Indef. P.P.
GOV

S-244 CA H S

SUMMARY:

This bill requires state retail stores and special agency stores to display a sign warning the public of the dangers of alcohol consumption during pregnancy. In addition, the sign shows the state hot-line number where people may call for further information.

The committee amendment (S-244) made the following changes:

1. modified the language in the legislative findings;
2. amended the bill to make it clear that the warning signs are only required to be placed in special agency liquor stores and state liquor stores, i.e. only stores which sell hard liquor;
3. amended the section concerning placement of the signs to require that they be placed near the liquor display instead of near each cash register;
4. made the signs available on a voluntary basis for any interested parties;
5. provided for the distribution of signs to other licensees at the time their license is renewed or originally issued, but does not require that the sign be displayed. There is no penalty for failure to display the sign except for the special agency liquor stores which are required to display the sign.