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ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
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:

1309

AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE ADMINISTRATION OF
GENERAL ASSISTANCE

CARROLL
BUSTIN
NELSON

OTP-AM HOUSE Enacted
SENATE Enacted
GOV Signed

P AND S
CH #79

H-384 CA H S
S-326 CA PEARSON H S

SUMMARY:

This bill proposed to amend the general assistance laws by requiring minimum state-wide standards for eligibility and standard forms for eligibility and for the decision to award or deny general assistance. It also would have provided 100% reimbursement of general assistance costs for municipalities which are already reimbursed, 10% of which would have to be dedicated to administrative costs. In addition it required worker's compensation coverage for recipients on workfare, state-held fair hearings for aggrieved persons, and a study of general assistance.

The only provision of the bill to survive was the study. As proposed by the committee amendment (H-384), a Special Select Commission on the Administration and Financing of General Assistance was created to investigate present and alternative methods of administering and financing the general assistance program within the state. The commission shall report to the 2d Regular Session of the 112th Legislature.

Senate amendment (S-326) reduced the appropriation from \$7,850 to \$5,000.

LD:

1313

AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
SERVICES TO PROVIDE MEDICAID FUNDED CONSUMER
DIRECTED PERSONAL CARE ASSISTANCE

GILL
MURRAY
TAYLOR
BUSTIN

OTP HOUSE Indef. PP
SENATE Indef. PP
GOV

H-337 HA NELSON H S
S-228 SA BERUBE

SUMMARY:

Consumer directed personal care assistance may be paid for as an optional service by Medicaid. Maine has made these services available primarily through the Home Base Care Act, which is funded solely by state money.

This bill required the Department of Human Services to offer these services as an optional medicaid paid service. The House amendment (H-337) added an appropriation to the bill. The Senate amendment (S-228) was identical to the House amendment.