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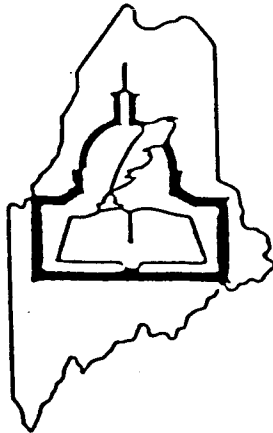
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HUMAN RESOURCES
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

All Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor if it is a floor amendment or the designation "CA" if it is a committee amendment. If the amendment was adopted in the House, the letter H appears after the sponsor. If it was adopted in the Senate, the letter S appears.

Final action for each bill is listed to the right of the title. If final House action and Senate action differ, both are listed.

Key to Committee Reports and Floor Action:

OTP	Ought to Pass
OTP-ND	Ought to Pass in New Draft
OTP-ND-NT	Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
OTP-AM	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

of his driving record showing OUI convictions or adjudications during the preceding 3 years. Anyone who has an OUI conviction or adjudication is prohibited from that job for 3 years following the conviction or adjudication. This Act does not require anyone currently employed by contract in such a capacity on the effective date of this Act to be automatically fired; but, anyone so employed must still furnish to the facility, within 90 days of the effective date of this Act, a certified copy of his driving record.

The House amendment (H-498), adopted during the 2nd Regular Session, deleted public schools from the provisions of the bill. The Department of Educational and Cultural Services agreed to promulgate rules for public schools which address this situation.

House amendment (H-498) also replaced the two amendments previously adopted by the House and Senate (H-389 and H-421) but retained the provisions of those two amendments. This action was required because the substantive change proposed in H-498 would have amended the provisions of both the Committee amendment (H-389) and the previous House amendment (H-421) and that could not be done procedurally without removing them both from the bill.

LD
1422

RESOLVE, AUTHORIZING CONTINUED STUDY OF
INFORMATION PROCESSING IN SOCIAL SERVICE
AGENCIES

INDEF. PP
EMERGENCY

Sponsor: BUSTIN
Committee Report: OTP-AM

S-273 CA H S

SUMMARY: This resolve, originally introduced in the 1st Regular Session, was enacted by the Legislature but held on the Governor's desk until the beginning of the 2nd Regular Session. It was recalled to the Legislature prior to any action by the Governor and indefinitely postponed in the House and Senate.

The resolve would have continued the effort begun in the 11th Legislature to coordinate and streamline the information processing systems in the State's social service agencies in order to improve the efficiency and the quality of service to the clients of these agencies by creating a Joint Select Committee with public and legislative membership

The committee amendment (S-273) replaced the entire resolve. Instead of establishing a joint select committee to study interagency information processing, the amendment:

1. continued the Maine Income Supplementation and Social Service Information Systems;
2. directed several state agencies and departments to continue efforts at streamlining computer based information processing;
3. provided that the Director of Central Computer Services must authorize the expenditure for operation or acquisition of computer information systems by certain state agencies to insure compatibility and appropriate quality in those systems; and
4. required reports to the Governor and the Legislature on the progress in this area in December 1985 and December 1986.

LD AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE CREDITING OF SAVINGS LVWD
1677 AGAINST COSTS OF UTILITIES AT THE AUGUSTA
 MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTE

Sponsor: HICKEY, McSweeney
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: The Central Maine Area Agency on Aging currently occupies space at the Augusta Mental Health Institute under an agreement with the state which does not require the payment of rent. The Attorney General has ruled that Area Agency on Aging must pay for the cost of utilities for that space. This payment would be retroactive for all past utility costs incurred. Key Bank currently maintains an AMHI branch, but charges the state a fee for maintaining that branch. Key bank has advised the state that, because the Area Agency on Aging does all its banking at that branch, the bank fees to the state have been less, i.e. the presence of the Area Agency on Aging has resulted in a savings to the state. This bill would have authorized the commissioner of Mental Health and Mental Retardation to credit that savings against the utility payments which the Area Agency on Aging owed the state.

Testimony at the hearing indicated that the Department felt it currently had the authority to credit that savings against any amount owed by the Area Agency on Aging and it would do so administratively. The bill was granted leave to withdraw.