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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:

1435

AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE EARLY IDENTIFICATION AND TREATMENT OF IMPAIRED PHYSICIANS

CHALMERS
MELENDY
GILL
BUSTIN
PUBLIC
CH # 185

HOUSE Enacted
SENATE Enacted
GOV UNSIGNED

SUMMARY:

The original bill (LD 784) was proposed to encourage early identification and treatment of physicians impaired by addiction to drugs or alcohol, or by physical or mental infirmity. It provided statutory protection to members of the public and professional colleagues who report disabled or impaired physicians to a committee organized for the express purpose of dealing with those physicians. The bill also authorized the Board of Registration in Medicine to develop appropriate protocols for the committee, including periodic reports to the board without personal identifying information. Records of the committee are confidential.

The bill also provided an exemption from reporting an impaired physician to the Board of Registration in Medicine, as required by the Maine Health Security Act, if such physician is reported to the impaired physician committee, or if the relevant information is obtained through a physician's work on that committee. The impaired physician committee would be required to report the impaired physician to the board in some instances, such instances to be identified in the board's protocols.

This new draft clarified the identity of the professional review committee established to carry out the purposes of the new draft, changed a reference from "habitual drunkenness" to "misuse of alcohol" and added language to insure that alternative forms of treatment are available for impaired physicians.

LD: 1436

AN ACT TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO INVESTIGATE AND PROVIDE INFORMATION ON COMMUNITY HEALTH ISSUES

ANDREWS
PRAY
CARROLL
JACQUES
PUBLIC
CH #494

OTP HOUSE Enacted
SENATE Enacted
GOV Signed

H-393 HA CARROLL H S
S-266 SA ANDREWS
S-283 SB WEBSTER C H S

SUMMARY:

This Act establishes a procedure for providing information to citizens on the hazardous materials that may be in use in their communities. The proposal utilizes existing information collection mechanisms and imposes no new