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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
HUMAN RESOURCES
BILL SUMMARY



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reporting burdens on the State's businesses. Legitimate trade secrets are still protected as they are under existing law. The community health information project will be coordinated by the Environmental Health Program in the Department of Human Services.

The Act also requires a study to be conducted jointly by the Bureau of Civil Emergency Preparedness, the Department of Environmental Protection and the Bureau of Health to evaluate the State's ability to respond quickly, effectively and in a coordinated manner to accidental releases of hazardous materials.

House amendment (H-393) corrected a reference to the Maine State Council of Uniform Firefighters and added an appropriation and fiscal note to the bill.

Senate amendment "A" (S-266) would have made the same correction to the reference to the Maine State Council of Uniform Firefighters.

Senate amendment "B" (S-283) limited requests from municipalities and individuals to those concerning sites within a 50-mile radius.

LD:	1453	AN ACT TO EXEMPT FROM HOME HEALTH LICENSURE MUNICIPAL ENTITIES THAT PROVIDE ONLY NONTHERAPEUTIC PREVENTIVE AND PROMOTIONAL HEALTH EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	MANNING NELSON
	EMERGENCY	HOUSE Emerg. Enacted	PUBLIC
		SENATE Emerg. Enacted	CH # 189
		GOV EMER SIGNED	

SUMMARY:

As part of their authority and responsibility to promote and protect the general welfare, health and public safety, municipalities have traditionally employed public health nurses to provide nontherapeutic health prevention and promotional health educational services in the home. These services are comparable to, and generally in lieu of, similar services provided by the Division of Public Health Nursing.

The health needs of these clients are not in the injury or illness category and are not reimbursable by 3rd-party insurers. Most clients are low-income mothers and children and are at risk for child abuse and other health problems. Due to the critical need for continuation of these services by providers other than the State, it is the purpose of this new draft to exempt municipal agencies from the licensing requirements for home health care agencies, which do provide acute health services.

This bill, a new draft of LD 384, limits the exemption only to municipal entities, such as a municipal department or agency, and clarifies the exempted services. It deleted private nonprofit agencies from the bill.

LD: 1464 AN ACT TO CREATE A COMMISSION TO STUDY THE BRODEUR
EMERGENCY AVAILABILITY AND COORDINATION OF RESOURCES
AND TRAINING FOR CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT
PREVENTION AND TREATMENT IN MAINE

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

SUMMARY:

This bill would have provided a commission to assess the current resources, including training, consultative, library and other resources, available to people who must deal with the problems of child abuse and neglect. The commission was to propose a comprehensive, coordinated program to develop adequate resources in this area.

LD: 1472 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE REPORTING OF FACTORS MANNING
CONTRIBUTING TO THE CAUSATION OF CANCER NELSON
GILL
BERUBE
PUBLIC
HOUSE Enacted
SENATE Enacted
GOV Signed CH #407

SUMMARY:

This new draft (of LD 477) required that reports submitted to the cancer registry include information on the person's usual occupation and industry of employment.

LD: 1480 AN ACT TO ADJUST THE STATUTORY CEILING FOR MARTIN J
THE CERTIFICATE OF NEED DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT PERKINS
PRAY
MURPHY T
PUBLIC
HOUSE Emerg. Enacted
SENATE Emerg. Enacted
GOV EMER SIGNED CH # 347

H-267 CA H S

SUMMARY:

Pursuant to legislation passed in 1983, a Certificate of Need Development Account was created to set an expenditure limit on hospital projects for new or improved services, equipment and facilities approved by the Department of Human Services.