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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.

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  
HOUSE Enacted PUBLIC  
SENATE Enacted CH #407  
GOV Signed

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  
OTP-AM HOUSE Emerg. Enacted PUBLIC  
SENATE Emerg. Enacted CH # 347  
GOV EMER SIGNED

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.

The limit was established by the Legislature for the 2-year period 1985 and 1986 at 1% of the prior years' total expenses for Maine hospitals. This bill raises the limit to 1.5% in 1985 and 2% in 1986.

The law presently requires for payment year cycles beginning October 1, 1986, and thereafter an independent executive agency, the Maine Health Care Finance Commission, to set the expenditure limit on projects to be approved by the Department of Human Services.

This Act assures that the amount debited to the Certificate of Need Development Account is consistent with the amount credited to payment year financial requirements.

The committee amendment (H-267) retains the 1% limit, as established in 1983, but redefines the manner in which debits against the account are to be determined. They are to be calculated in the same fashion that adjustments to hospital financial requirements for certificate of need projects are calculated by the commission.

This amendment also allows projects involving extraordinary costs to be debited against the Certificate of Need Development Account over a period of more than one payment year, thus, potentially permitting a greater number of projects to be approved in a year when a particularly costly project is approved.

LD:	1507	AN ACT TO ENSURE ADEQUATE SERVICES FOR HEAD INJURED PERSONS IN MAINE			ANDREWS CAHILL DOW CARROLL
	OTP-AM	HOUSE Indef. PP SENATE Indef. PP GOV			
	S-246	CA		H	S
	S-252	SA DANTON		H	S

SUMMARY:

In January of this year the Maine Legislative Task Force on Head Injury issued a report to the Legislature with recommendations to address the needs of the head injured person. This bill is a result of the recommendations of that Task Force. It provides 12 skilled nursing facility beds and 2 6-bed group home beds targeted for the head injured person.

This bill also revises the authority of the Bureau of Rehabilitation's program to provide independent living services to the severely disabled. This revision provides for an advisory council and expands their capability to encourage and develop community based services for all severely disabled individuals, including the head injured.