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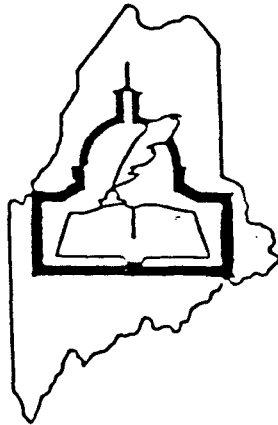
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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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.

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.

The bill also requires the department to develop a comprehensive rehabilitation service system for head injured persons. This program will be funded by a \$2 increase in the fee for renewal on an operator's license for motor vehicles.

The committee amendment (S-246) deleted the provisions which establish a Head Injury Rehabilitation Service Fund which would have been funded by an increase in the driver's license fee. It provided an appropriation of \$200,000 each year from the General Fund to be used to implement this service system, within the limits of the available resources. It also permitted the Bureau of Rehabilitation to accept gifts to assist in carrying out its responsibilities under the Independent Living Service for Severely Disabled Persons law.

This amendment also required the Department of Human Services to report to the Legislature on the implementation of this bill by January 15, 1986.

A Senate Amendment (S-252) corrected an error in numbering the sections in the bill.

LD: 1517 AN ACT CONCERNING FUNERAL AND BURIAL EXPENSES STEVENSON  
OF MUNICIPAL GENERAL ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS  
HOUSE Enacted PUBLIC  
SENATE Enacted CH # 245  
GOV SIGNED

SUMMARY:

The original bill (LD 910) amended the law dealing with burial of persons eligible for municipal assistance to provide that funeral directors need not give notice to the overseer prior to making burial preparations when circumstances prevent that notice.

This new draft provides that notification be given prior to burial or by the end of the next business day following the funeral director's receipt of the body, whichever is earlier.