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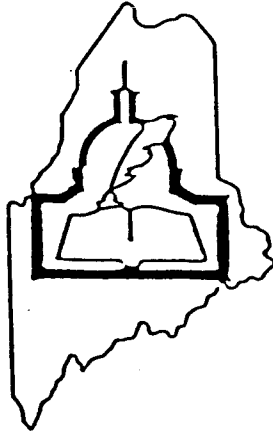
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged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

Sponsor: MILLS, Carroll, Melendy, Gauvreau
Committee Report: OTP

SUMMARY:

This bill deals with and amends the responsibilities and procedures for Emergency Medical Services as follows:

- 1. Includes ambulance attendants as persons required to report suspected child abuse and neglect;
- 2. Authorizes, but does not require, ambulance attendants to report to a law enforcement officer if he or she suspects a driver involved in an accident was operating the vehicle under the influence of drugs or alcohol; and
- 3. Requires emergency medical service personnel to treat patient in emergency situation in accordance with EMS rules, Regional Medical Director protocols, and any verbal orders given under the system of delegation established by the Regional Medical Director. It further provides that this procedure is superceded by patient's personal physician or physician's assistant supervised by that physician as long as he or she remains with that patient. Also, no patient is required to accept treatment to which he does not consent.

Sponsor: NELSON, Clark H
Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 2036

SUMMARY: This bill required hospitals to ask families or legal representatives for organ donations whenever a patient dies. The committee reported this bill out in new draft (See LD 2036).

Sponsor: ROLDE
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill sought to amend the Maine Certificate of Need Act by repealing the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 304-A, subsection 4, paragraph C, which gives the Department of Human Services, based on recommendations by the State Health Coordinating Council, power to define

categories of health services which are subject to review regardless of capital expenditure or operating cost. It was granted leave to withdraw.

LD AN ACT TO INCREASE THE CAP ON THE CERTIFICATE LVWD
1837 OF NEED DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT FOR FISCAL YEAR
1986-87

Sponsor: PRAY, Perkins, Tuttle, Murphy T
Committee Report: LVWD

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

The limit was established by the Legislature for 1985 and 1986 at 1% of the prior year's aggregate financial requirements for Maine hospitals. This bill would have required that the limit not be less than 2% of the prior year's financial requirements for all hospitals in Maine.

LD AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN ND LD 2350
1846 SERVICES TO CALCULATE NURSING STAFF RATIOS
TAKING INTO ACCOUNT BOTH NURSING ASSISTANTS AND
CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANTS, REIMBURSE NURSING
HOMES FOR ENTRY LEVEL PERSONNEL, TO ENCOURAGE
CONSISTENT REGULATORY POLICIES GOVERNING SUCH
PERSONNEL AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Sponsor: BUSTIN
Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 2350

SUMMARY: This bill sought to require the Department of Human Services to:

1. calculate nursing staff ratios by taking into account both nursing assistants and certified nursing assistants and require the department to reimburse nursing homes for such personnel;
2. reimburse nursing homes for the reasonable costs associated with certified nursing assistants educational programs; and,
3. adopt, in conjunction with the State Board of Nursing, consistent policies with respect to these programs and related issues.

The committee reported out this bill in new draft (See LD 2350).