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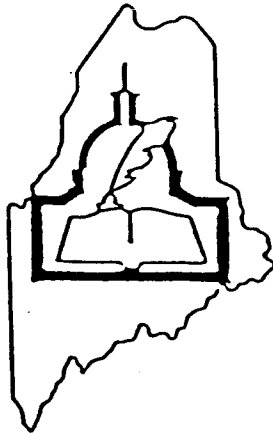
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged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

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

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

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 1846 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN 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 ND LD 2350

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).