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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

LD
1917

AN ACT TO REMOVE BARRIERS TO THE APPROPRIATE
DISCLOSURE OF MENTAL HEALTH INFORMATION

PL 1985
c. 582

Sponsor: NELSON, Gauvreau
Committee Report: OTP

SUMMARY: Current law has been consistently interpreted by the Attorney General to prohibit disclosure of mental health patients' records, even though authorized by the patient or his legal representative, unless the patient has reviewed the information sought to be disclosed or affirmatively waives this right to review. This bill deleted the requirement that the patient actually review the record or affirmatively waive this right to review. The patient will still be required to authorize disclosure of this information before it can be released.

LD
1920

AN ACT TO AMEND THE MAINE CERTIFICATE OF NEED
ACT FURTHER SIMPLIFYING ITS PROCEDURES

LVWD

Sponsor: BERUBE
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill sought to amend the certificate of need law to:

1. Amend the minimum thresholds for annual operating costs, capital expenditures and the cost of major medical equipment to require a higher minimum before an expenditure or cost is subject to review;
2. Delete from review the category of new health services as defined by department rules based on the recommendation of the State Health Coordinating Council (Category "C");
3. Create an expedited review process for minor projects; and
4. Provide a procedure for those expenditures which are not subject to Certificate of Need review to be added to a hospital's financial requirements for purposes of the Maine Health Care Finance Commission.

The bill was withdrawn by the sponsor in view of the fact that most of these proposals were contained in other C-O-N legislation introduced this year.