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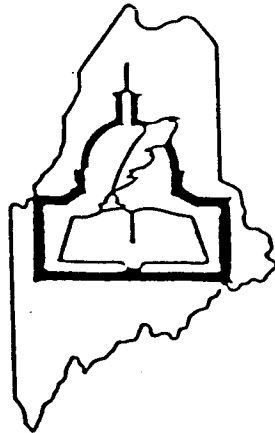
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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
HUMAN RESOURCES  
BILL SUMMARY



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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees 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
ONTF	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

The purpose of the changes is to make the report more useful to the Chief Justice, the Governor and the Legislature.

Currently, providers who evaluate DEEP clients also provide treatment, causing potential for client exploitation when the same provider both evaluates and treats an individual. This problem is compounded by the fact that the individual is required to complete treatment before his driver's license is restored. The bill sought to allow DEEP, rather than private practitioners or agencies, to conduct evaluations of those clients who are found through DEEP's preliminary assessments to be in possible need of treatment for problems related to substance abuse. The bill also would have allowed the Department of Human Services to charge \$35 per session to participants in the evaluation program.

The House amendment (H-651) retains the section of the original bill which amends the information that must be included in the annual operating-under-the-influence (OUI) report and the reporting date but deletes the DHS evaluation program. The committee also requested and received authorization from the Legislative Council to study the DEEP program.

**LD** AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE TEMPORARY LICENSES TO  
**2230** OPERATE FAMILY FOSTER HOMES

PL 1985  
c. 706

Sponsor: GAUVREAU, Carroll  
Committee Report: OTP

SUMMARY: This bill brought the Department of Human Services into compliance with federal regulations specifying that federal funds shall not be used to make foster care payments to providers who are not licensed by the State and provides for such licensure in temporary emergency situations when the foster family meets all applicable laws and rules but is not able to be inspected by the State Fire Marshal's office prior to the need to place the child. By issuing temporary licenses, the department will be able to draw federal money more quickly, rather than paying those costs out of all state funds.

It also clarifies that the last amendment to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 8107, allowing for the placement of a moderately to severely handicapped child in any appropriate child care facility, does not add an exception to the statutory limit of 6 children in a foster home.