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AGING, RETIREMENT AND VETERANS

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

LD AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF VETERANS' PL 1985
2258 HOMES IN NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN MAINE C. 773

Sponsor: MARTIN, J., Erwin, E., Dutremble, Paul
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 1703. OTP

SUMMARY: The bill provides for the establishment of two nursing homes for veterans, one in northern Maine and one in southern Maine. The homes must receive construction or per diem cost subsidy from the Veterans' Administration before they can be built. The Board of Trustees to the Maine Veterans' Home will build the new homes. They will comply with the certificate of need process for new health facilities in the Department of Human Services. As originally drafted it would have exempted all facilities "owned and operated by the State" from the certificate of need process.

LD AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE THE REHABILITATION OF PL 1985
2296 MEMBER'S RECEIVING DISABILITY BENEFITS UNDER C. 722
THE MAINE STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Sponsor: GAUVREAU, Hickey, Andrews, Dellert
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 1960. OTP

SUMMARY: The new draft restricts the provisions of the bill to state employees and teachers. For an employee who has recovered from a disability, it requires the last employer to reinstate the employee to the "first available position for which the beneficiary is qualified and is consistent with the beneficiary's prior work experience." It retains the seniority limitations imposed by collective bargaining agreements. In cases of disputes as to whether the employee is rehabilitated, a 3 physician panel is established to resolve the difference. Fitting in with existing provisions of the statute, the disability pension of an employee who returns to work will automatically be restored if the employee becomes disabled again within 5 years. After 5 years the individual can apply for a disability pension without any restrictions caused by a pre-existing condition.