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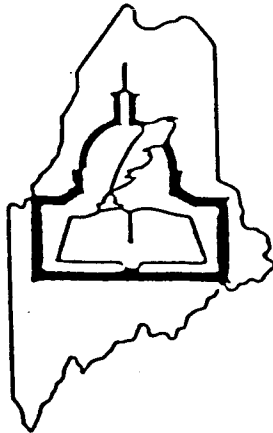
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged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

The Joint Select Committee on Nursing Home Needs studied the long-term care needs for Maine's citizens. That study determined that Maine's population in need of long-term care will increase considerably over the next 25 years. The committee identified a shortage in intermediate care facility beds and skilled nursing facility beds in Maine. This shortage was exacerbated by the fact that no new beds had been funded during the last fiscal year. There is a 2-year to 3-year delay in constructing new beds from the time they are authorized because of the competitive certificate of need process to determine who will receive the new beds and because of the time required for construction.

This bill provided authorization for 270 new beds.

The bill was amended by S-538. It added an emergency preamble, emergency clause and authorization to the Department of Human Services to transfer surplus funds, up to a maximum of \$500,000, in the payments to Providers of Intermediate Care to the Medical Care Payments to Providers to aid in the state match of the Home Base Care - Elderly Medicaid waiver financial program.

S-522 was a duplicate of S-538, but without the \$500,000 limit on transfers.

LD	AN ACT TO PROVIDE A PERIODIC COST-OF-LIVING	PL 1985
2292	ADJUSTMENT IN THE STATE REIMBURSEMENT TO	c. 791
	BOARDING CARE FACILITIES	

Committee Report: New draft LD 2046 with new title (Maj.Rpt)

SUMMARY: This new draft replaced the original bill as the majority report of the Committee. It deletes the provision concerning reasonable cost reimbursement, but retains the annual inflation increases in the flat rate reimbursement providing an increase effective July 1, 1986, and continuing annually thereafter from January 1, 1987. The new draft also retains current provision of the law, without change, concerning reimbursement for adult foster homes which was inadvertently repealed in the original bill.