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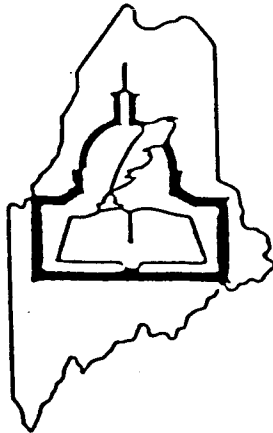
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged 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 111th Legislature established the Maine Commission to Examine the Availability, Quality and Delivery of Services Provided to Children with Special Needs. The commission accomplished many of its explicit tasks during the next 2 years and published a report of its findings in January 1985.

Commission members met again during the fall of 1985 to review the progress made by the 4 major youth-serving departments in addressing its recommendations. The commission provided the impetus for many positive changes in the service delivery system for children with special needs.

No joint special or standing committee on children currently exists in Maine, yet the Legislature faces an increasing number of complex issues relating to children and families each year. This bill sought to establish, on a permanent basis, a broad-based, multidisciplinary commission on children with special needs.

H-692 replaced the entire bill. It deleted the proposed permanent commission and extended the present commission for one year. It also added an emergency clause and preamble to the bill.

S-515 reduced the General Fund appropriation for the commission from \$8,700 to \$3,200 and indicated that the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation could absorb the related costs associated with the bill.

H-670, which also ought to reduce the appropriation, and S-474, which would have changed a reference to the Legislative Council, were not adopted.

<b>LD</b> <b>2350</b>	AN ACT CONCERNING NURSING STAFFS IN NURSING HOMES, STAFF RATIOS, REIMBURSEMENT, POLICIES AND DELEGATION OF DUTIES	PL 1985 c. 738
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Sponsor: BUSTIN  
Committee Report: New draft of LD 1846, with new title.

SUMMARY: The new draft, with new title, replaces the original bill. The new draft incorporates the provision of the original bill which provided reimbursement to nursing homes for nurses in training, consistent with approved staffing patterns and reimbursement for the training expenses of those nurses. It also retains the provisions requiring consistency for employment and training rules for nursing assistants employed in nursing homes.

The new draft requires the Department of Human Services to evaluate, in consultation with nursing home associations, the apparent lack of certified nursing assistants and recommend a resolution to any problems which it finds by report to the Human Resources Committee. The Maine Committee on Aging shall also receive these reports and submit its comments to the Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources.

The new draft also specifies certain tasks that may be delegated to nursing assistants enrolled in training by a registered nurse.

LD 2351 AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE ANNUAL REVIEW OF FEE SCHEDULES FOR PROVIDERS UNDER THE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM INTO THE ANNUAL MEDICAID REPORT PL 1985 c. 727

Sponsor: BUSTIN, Gill, Carroll, Melendy  
Committee Report: New draft of LD 2151

SUMMARY: This new draft, with new title, replaces the original bill. Instead of repealing the annual review of fee schedules, it retains the annual review, but requires that review to be a part of the annual Medicaid report.

LD 2367 AN ACT TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH IN RELATION TO ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME PL 1985 c. 711

Sponsor: GILL, Connolly, Clark N, Rydell  
Committee Report: New draft of LD 2063

H-683 HA  
H-691 HB  
H-695 HC H S  
S-512 SA H S

SUMMARY: This is the new draft of LD 2063. It provides for the following:

1. The establishment of a committee to advise the Department of Human Services on Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome;
2. The establishment of procedures regarding the confidentiality of test results for the presence of antibodies for the HLTV-III virus; and
3. The provision that insurers may not ask an applicant to reveal whether or not they have taken a test to indicate the presence of antibodies to the HLTV-III virus or what the test results were. (This provision is repealed Oct. 1, 1987.)