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All Adopted 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 "COMMITTEE" if it is a committee amendment.

Final action for each bill is listed to the right of the title. If final House action and Senate action differ, both are listed.

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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-A	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP .	Indefinitely Postponed

LD AN ACT TO AMEND THE CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROCESS LVWD 206 WITH RESPECT TO NURSING HOMES TO INCREASE THE THRESHOLD FOR REVIEW WITH RESPECT TO CAPITAL EXPENDITURES AND TO PROVIDE AN INFLATION ADJUSTMENT TO THE MAXIMUM EXPENDITURES AUTHORIZED

Sponsor: ROLDE, Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill sought to increase the Certificate of Need threshold for review of nursing home projects and to provide an automatic inflation adjustment index to that threshold.

LDAN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THELVWD207EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MAINE HEALTH CARE
FINANCE COMMISSION BY THE GOVERNORLVWD

Sponsor: ROLDE, Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill would have authorized the Governor rather than the Maine Health Care Finance Commission to appoint the executive director of the commission.

LDAN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMANLVWD211SERVICES TO ESTABLISH A SO-CALLED FAIR RENTALMETHODOLOGY FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF CAPITAL COSTSFOR NURSING HOMES

Sponsor: DOW, Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill would have required the Department of Human Services to implement a "fair rental" methodology for reimbursement of capital costs for nursing homes.

LDAN ACT RELATING TO IMMUNIZATION OF POST-PL 1987226SECONDARY STUDENTSC. 71

Sponsor: BOST, Gill, Estes, LaPointe Committee Report: OTP-A Amendments Adopted: H-50 COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: This bill sought to amend the scope of Maine's law requiring students to be immunized. The original bill would have excluded all students except full-time fall or spring semester students from the requirement. The committee amendment replaced the original bill and limited

Office of Policy and Legal Analysispage 19 Human Resources the immunization requirement for post-secondary students to those attending school full time or who are candidates for a degree, diploma, or graduate certificate.

LDAN ACT TO ALTER THE MAKEUP OF THE MAINE HEALTHPL 1987290CARE FINANCE COMMISSIONc. 440

Sponsor: THISTLE, Gill, Crowley, Pines Committee Report: OTP-A Amendments Adopted: H-324 COMMITTEE S-203 CAUVREAU

SUMMARY: The original bill sought to alter the composition of the Maine Health Care Finance Commission to include a health care practitioner, someone currently employed in the health care field. The original bill was replaced entirely by the committee amendment.

The committee amendment (H-324) was the committee's response to the proposed repeal to the Maine Health Care Finance Commission (MHCFC) in LD 958. The new version of LD 290 amended the regulation of hospital expenditures as follows:

1. The MHCFC was sunseted, effective October 1, 1989. This sunset provision replaced the customary sunset review which was repealed from the Title 3 provisions of the statute.

2. A special Commission was created to study the regulation of health care expenditures and to determine the most appropriate form of health care regulation in regard to affordability, availability, and quality of health care. The commission is to report 9 months prior to the termination of the MHCFC.

3. Wage adjustments to hospital financial requirements were authorized to retain or recruit professional medical personnel; and

4. Increases or decreases in a hospital's financial requirements were authorized based on standards of efficiency, productivity, or cost.

The Senate Amendment (S-203) clarified the appropriation and added a fiscal note.