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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. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

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

the immunization requirement for post-secondary students to those attending school full time or who are candidates for a degree, diploma, or graduate certificate.

LD
290

AN ACT TO ALTER THE MAKEUP OF THE MAINE HEALTH
CARE FINANCE COMMISSION

PL 1987
c. 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 sunsetted, 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 This sunset provision replaced the customary sunset review which was repealed from the Title 3 provisions of the statute.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.