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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:

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|-----------|---------------------------------------|
| 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
326

AN ACT TO SIMPLIFY CERTIFICATE OF NEED REVIEW
FOR TRANSFERS OF OWNERSHIP OF NURSING HOME
FACILITIES

LVWD

Sponsor: ROLDE,
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill sought to shorten the time allowed for review and decision on certificate of need applications for transfer of ownership of nursing home facilities.

LD 332 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES CARRY-OVER
TO REIMBURSE NURSING HOMES FOR THE REASONABLE
COSTS OF RECRUITING, TRAINING AND RETAINING
QUALIFIED NURSING STAFF

Sponsor: BUSTIN, Boutilier, Hickey
Committee Report: CARRY-OVER

SUMMARY: This bill would have required the Department of Human Services to reimburse nursing homes for the reasonable costs of recruiting, training, and retaining qualified nursing staff.

LD 346 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING THE MEDICAL
CERTIFICATE FILED AFTER DEATH

PL 1987
c. 72

Sponsor: HEPBURN, Pines, Hussey, Berube
Committee Report: OTP-A
Amendments Adopted:
H-49 COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: in the case of a normal death, the physician in charge of the patient's care is required to complete the medical certificate of death in 24 hours. If the patient was a resident of a nursing home, the physician in charge of the patient, or a physician designated by the physician in charge, is required to examine the body prior to completing the death certificate. An exception to this provision dispenses with the examination of the body if the physician in charge of the patient's care had examined the patient within 48 hours of death.

This bill originally amended the law to provide another exception. It dispensed with the required examination of the body if the medical director of the facility had examined the patient within 48 hours of the death. The committee amendment, H-49, replaced the exception for the "medical director" with "another physician designated by the physician in charge".