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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES
MAY 1988**

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 for floor amendments. Final action is listed to the right of the title. If final House and Senate action differ, both are listed. Committee Reports and Floor Action are indicated as follows::

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

Each individual summary was prepared by the analyst assigned, as noted for each committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including Secretaries: Charlene Brann, Janet Jean, Earl Knox, Valarie Parlin; Research Assistant Hartley Palleschi. Finally, Secretary Laurette Knox, Legal Assistant Carolyn Chick, and Research Assistant Robert Dunn had special responsibilities in the preparation of the overall document.

Please give us your suggestions and comments on these summaries and tell us of any inaccuracies.

LD An Act to Contain the Cost of, and to Assure the LV/WD
958 Availability and Quality of, Hospital Care to the People of
 this State

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u> <u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
PRAY	LV/WD	
PERKINS		
FOSTER		
ROLDE		

SUMMARY

This bill sought to repeal the Maine Health Care Finance Commission with respect to hospitals and replace it with a prospective payment system utilizing diagnostic related groups for the state Medicaid program only. In addition it would have created a health care data and information system and established a fund to assist hospitals in financial difficulty. The committee ultimately established a blue ribbon commission in LD 290 to study the regulation of health care. The bill was held over until the 2nd Regular Session and eventually withdrawn.

LD An Act to Enhance the Quality of Care in Long-term Care PUBLIC
1462 Facilities through Consultation, Education and Intermediate 774
 Sanctions

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u> <u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
LUDWIG	OTP-AM MAJ	S-478 MAJ REP
BOTT	OTP-AM MIN	
BERUBE		
REED		

SUMMARY

This bill sought to provide an intermediate level of sanctions for violations of the state licensing regulations for long-term care facilities. The bill was held over from the 1st Regular Session. The bill was reported out in the 2nd Regular Session.

The Majority Report provided intermediate sanctions (such as fines) for violations. The income from such fines would be placed in a special revenue account to be used if needed and available when a receiver is appointed under authority of the Maine Revised Statutes or for other costs which are associated with the protection of health and property of residents of long-term care facilities which are fined or sanctioned pursuant to this chapter. In addition to authorizing intermediate sanctions, the Majority and Minority Amendment also included authorization for the development of incentive programs that would reward long-term care facilities that provide the highest quality care to their residents.

The Minority Report also provided intermediate sanctions. The procedure in the minority report established remedial action priorities. The department would first apply a directed plan of correction. In this case, the Department of Human Services directs the facility to make the necessary corrections within a specified period of time. If the facility fails to make the