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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 958 AN ACT TO CONTAIN THE COST OF, AND TO ASSURE THE CARRY-OVER
AVAILABILITY AND QUALITY OF, HOSPITAL CARE TO
THE PEOPLE OF THIS STATE

Sponsor: PRAY, Perkins, Foster, Rolde
Committee Report: CARRY-OVER

SUMMARY: This bill sought to repeal the Maine Health Care Finance Commission with respect to hospitals and replace it with a prospective payment system such as 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 to study the regulation of health care. (See LD 290).

LD 1000 AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL WATER SUPPLIES PL 1987
c. 394

Sponsor: MCGOWAN, Hoglund, Jacques
Committee Report: OTP-A
Amendments Adopted:
H-293 COMMITTEE
H-298 MANNING

SUMMARY: This bill, as finally amended, established an emergency license procedure for the application of copper sulfate or related compounds to public water supplies.

LD 1011 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT PERSONS OPERATING A LVWD
LICENSED NURSERY SCHOOL OR PRESCHOOL MEET
CERTAIN QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Sponsor: STROUT,
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill would have required that at least one nursery school staff member have a degree in early childhood development or its educational equivalent.

LD 1032 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE HEALTH CARE FINANCE LVWD
COMMISSION TO USE GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING
PRINCIPLES

Sponsor: ROLDE,
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill sought to authorize the use of generally accepted accounting principles as promulgated by

the Financial Accounting Standards Board for records submitted to the Maine Health Care Finance Commission.

LD AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE MAINE HEALTH CARE FINANCE LVWD
1033 COMMISSION TO PAY THE FULL COST OF BAD DEBTS

Sponsor: ROLDE,
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill would have required a hospital to recognize the total allowance for bad debts as reported by a hospital's financial records.

LD AN ACT TO ENSURE ACCESSIBILITY TO MENTAL HEALTH PL 1987
1043 SERVICES FOR DEAF PERSONS c. 331

Sponsor: GAUVREAU, Gill, Pines, Connolly
Committee Report: OTP

SUMMARY: This bill required the Bureau of Mental Health to provide accommodations and services to hearing impaired persons in order to provide them with better access the mental health programs funded or licensed by the Bureau.

LD AN ACT RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSE TO LVWD
1060 OPERATE A NURSERY SCHOOL

Sponsor: SWAZEY, Bost, Simpson
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill would have established qualifications for the director of a nursery school.

LD RESOLVE, TO PROVIDE A ONE-YEAR MORATORIUM ON RESOLVE 1987
1076 SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CLINICS AND ESTABLISH THE c. 66
COMMISSION TO STUDY CLINICS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS EMERGENCY
WHICH PROVIDE COUNSELING AND SERVICES RELATING
TO PREGNANCY

Sponsor: BRAGG, Martin J, Hussey, Brawn
Committee Report: OTP-A
Amendments Adopted:
H-306 COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: The original resolve mandated a moratorium on school-based health clinics while a special commission would have studied public school clinics which provided counseling and services related to pregnancy. The Resolve,