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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.

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corrections required by the department, the department may impose a penalty in the form of fines. A maximum fine of \$5,000 may be imposed for each statement of deficiency issued to a skilled nursing or intermediate care facility. A maximum fine of \$3,000 may be imposed for each statement of deficiency issued to a boarding facility. The next action that could be pursued is a prohibition against new admissions to a facility in violation of licensing rules.

LD	An Act to Require Principles of Reimbursement for	REFERRED
1603	Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded to	BACK TO
	Include Provisions for Covering Increases in Insurance	COMMITTEE
	Premiums	IN 1ST REG
		SESSION

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
BUSTIN			
TAYLOR			
BOUTILIER			
THISTLE			

SUMMARY

New Draft of LD 491. The original bill, introduced in the 1st Regular Session, required the Department of Human Services to include adjustments for insurance premiums in the principles of reimbursement for group and nursing homes providing residential care for mentally retarded citizens. The new draft added boarding care facilities and included an appropriation and a fiscal note. The new draft was referred back to the committee and the bill, LD 491, was held over. LD 491 was indefinitely postponed in the 2nd Regular Session.

LD	An Act to Revise the General Assistance Laws (Reported	PUBLIC
1705	Pursuant to Private and Special Law, Chaps. 79 and 131	833
	of 1985)	

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
COMMISSION SPONSORED	LV/WD		H-749 MANNING

SUMMARY

This bill, held over from the 1st Regular Session, represents the legislation proposed by the Majority Report of the Special Select Commission on the Administration and Financing of General Assistance.

PART A establishes a comprehensive information and referral service for social services.

PART B expands the Welfare, Employment, Education and Training Program (WEET) to increase the job training assistance to AFDC recipients.

PART C amends the residency requirements in regard to determining which municipality is responsible for General Assistance applicants.