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#### STATE OF MAINE

### ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

#### JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON

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BILL SUMMARY



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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE BILL SUMMARIES JUNE 1987

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



PL 1987 c. 264

LD 1673

Sponsor: COLLINS, Theriault

Committee Report: New Draft of LD 1111

SUMMARY: The original bill (LD 1111) provides that the Commissioner of Public Safety may not require a certificate of public liability insurance in an amount in excess of \$100,000 for small, permanent amusement parks.

The new draft completely replaces the substance of the original bill. The new draft adds a reference to federal law which allows insurance to be provided through risk retention groups or purchasing groups.

AN ACT TO CONTINUE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL HEALTH, ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT SERVICES FOR MAINE CITIZENS

PL 1987 c. 480

Sponsor: CLARK, N., Kimball, Rolde, Perkins Committee Report: New Draft of LD 404 Amendments Adopted: S-204 PEARSON

SUMMARY: The original bill (LD 404) repeals the expiration date of the State's laws establishing insurance coverage for treatment of mental illness and alcohol and substance abuse, enacted by the Legislature in 1983. The original bill establishes a regular 5-year review of these benefits and creates a representative advisory committee to assist the Bureau of Insurance in developing accurate data and information regarding the costs and impacts of all mandated benefits. The original bill also requires these mandated benefits to be available as of the annual renewal date and be applicable to certificates issued in the State by out-of-state insurance companies.

The new draft keeps most of these provisions but renames and modifies the structure and appointment process of the advisory commission. The 5-year review of mental health, alcohol and substance abuse benefits is deleted in the new draft. The new draft also adds an appropriations section, an allocations section, and a fiscal note.

Senate Amendment A (S-204) removes the General Fund Commitment and funds the Mandated Benefits Advisory Commission with dedicated funds.