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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:

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

meaning and (2) to provide a procedure to resolve disputes between municipalities concerning which municipality is responsible.

Part C prohibits hospital expenses from being billed to a municipality's General Assistance program.

Part D prohibits general assistance disbursements in the form of cash.

Part E provides for additional reimbursement by the State to the municipalities for expenses incurred through the General Assistance program. Each municipality would choose one of the following options for additional reimbursement:

- a. State funding of 50% of all municipal General Assistance expenditures below the current threshold. (Continue reimbursement at 90% above that obligation threshold); or
- b. State Reimbursement for the reasonable administrative costs of the General Assistance Program, calculated as 10% of the General Assistance cost for that municipality.

**LD 1727** AN ACT RELATING TO CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS FOR ACCESS FOR HANDICAPPED PERSONS TO PUBLIC FACILITIES PL 1987 c. 357

Sponsor: MACBRIDE, Gill, Gauvreau, Taylor  
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 1539

SUMMARY: The original bill sought to amend the current law regarding construction standards for making facilities accessible to the physically handicapped to reflect newly published specifications and future revisions. The new draft accomplishes that purpose by authorizing the Director of the Bureau of Public Improvement to amend the standards by rule.

**LD 1742** RESOLVE, TO ESTABLISH THE MAINE COMMISSION TO REVIEW OVERCROWDING AT THE AUGUSTA MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTE AND THE BANGOR MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTE RESOLVE 1987 c. 56 EMERGENCY

Sponsor: PRAY, Bustin, Hickey, Paradis P  
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 607  
Amendments Adopted:  
H-302 MANNING  
S-269 PEARSON

SUMMARY: The original bill, established a special commission to review overcrowding at the Augusta Mental Health Institute and the Bangor Mental Health Institute. The House amendment added additional members to the Commission. The Senate amendment changed the appropriation and the reporting date.