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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 Lorette Knox, Legal Assistant Carolyn Chick, and Research Assistant Robert Dunn had special responsibilities in the preparation of the overall document.

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

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

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.

During the 1st Regular Session, Parts B and C were enacted in other legislation. The bill was eventually withdrawn.

LD 1972	An Act to Add the Commissioner of Public Safety to the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Planning Committee	PUBLIC 584
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<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u> <u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
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SUMMARY

This bill makes the Commissioner of Public Safety a member of the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Planning Committee.

LD 1982	An Act to Exempt from Labeling Requirements Goods Produced Under Certification issued by the United States Department of Justice Pursuant to the Prison Industries Enhancement Act	PUBLIC 589
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<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u> <u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
TAYLOR GILL ANTHONY MANNING	OTP	

SUMMARY

The Committee heard testimony that work release programs are not available to