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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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disease, makes the definition of infected person more specific, establishes more detailed procedural safeguards for persons who are suspected of having a dangerous communicable disease and corrects an omission in the law not related to HIV infection.

13. The amendment requires the Department of Human Services to promulgate rules concerning notification of funeral directors or other authorized agents in charge of the disposition of dead human bodies in cases when the body has been diagnosed as having a communicable disease.

LD RESOLVE, Authorizing the Bureau of Health to Conduct a Time- RESOLVE 2422 Trend Study of Leukemia Incidence in Maine 109

SPONSOR (S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
HOLT	OTP-AM	H-598
PINES		
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SUMMARY

This resolve authorized the Bureau of Health to Conduct a Time-Trend Study of Leukemia Incidence in Maine. It was amended (H-598) to require an interim report by March 1, 1989, and a final report by January 1, 1990. The amendment also added an appropriation.

LD An Act to Add a Hemophiliac to the Committee to Advise the PUBLIC 2424 Department of Human Services on AIDS 651

SPONSOR (S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
FOSS	OTP-AM	H-514
WEBSTER M		
MCGOWAN		
WHITMORE		

SUMMARY

This bill, as amended, added a hemophiliac to the Committee to Advise the Department of Human Services on AIDS.

LD An Act to Increase the Frequency of Restaurant Inspections PUBLIC 2428 838

SPONSOR (S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MANNING	OTP-AM	H-689
GILL		S-503 PEARSON
GAUVREAU		
PINES		

SUMMARY

This bill requires more inspections by health inspectors for Maine's restaurants and provides legal support through the Attorney General's office. The bill increases fees for such inspections, thereby supporting the expansion of the inspection program. The bill also decreases the time periods in which restaurants must pay any inspection fees.

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LD An Act to Allow Greater Flexibility in Education, Financial INDEF PP 2433 Assistance, Training and Wages Relating to Health Care Facilities Experiencing Labor Shortages

SPONSOR (S)	COMMITTEE	REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED		
CLARK M	OTP-AM	MAJ	H-728	MAJ REP	
GILL	OTP-AM	MIN			
CLARK N					
DELLERT					

SUMMARY

This bill established a health care workers' loan fund available for health care workers if a shortage of workers existed. It also allowed 2 new adjustments to "hospital's financial requirements":

(1) reasonable educational benefits for hospital employers enrolled in a professional health care education course; and

(2) reasonable costs for recruiting nurses or other health care professionals.

Committee amendment "A" (H-728) deleted the provisions concerning adjustments to hospital financial requirements and retains the Maine Health Care Workers' Scholarship and Loan Program. It also deleted the section on administrative expense and adds a new appropriation.

Committee amendment "B" (H-729), which was not adopted, would have retained and amended the provisions concerning adjustments to the hospital financial requirements and retained the Maine Health Care Workers' Scholarship and Loan Fund, deleting the administrative cost section, and correcting a grammatical error.

LD An Act to Create Minimum Standards for Licensing Shelters LV/WD 2439 for Homeless People

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MATTHEWS Z	LV/WD	

SUMMARY

This bill would have required the Department of Human Services to establish program projects for the homeless and the Maine State Housing Authority to develop a low interest loan program for renovating substandard housing.

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