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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::*

<b>OTP</b>	<b>Ought to Pass</b>
<b>OTP-ND</b>	<b>Ought to Pass in New Draft</b>
<b>OTP-ND-NT</b>	<b>Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title</b>
<b>OTP-A</b>	<b>Ought to Pass as Amended</b>
<b>ONTP</b>	<b>Ought Not to Pass</b>
<b>LVWD</b>	<b>Leave to Withdraw</b>
<b>INDEF PP</b>	<b>Indefinitely Postponed</b>

*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.*

*Please give us your suggestions and comments on these summaries and tell us of any inaccuracies.*

The Committee Amendment (H-689) retains the current \$40 inspection fee for educational institutions. It amends the appropriation to properly give the money for the attorney and clerical positions to the Department of Human Services and divides the money for the Bureau of Health between Personal Services and All Other. S-503 reduced the appropriation to the Bureau of Health.

**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

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
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

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
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.