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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.

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

LD An Act to Amend the Statutes Pertaining to the Emergency **INDEF PP**
2542 Treatment and Continuing Supervision of Chemically Dependent
 Persons (Reported Pursuant to Resolve 1987, Chapter 72)

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
	OTP-AM	H-718

SUMMARY

This bill is the recommendation of the Report of the Commission to Study the Use of Involuntary Services for Substance Abusers. It was designed to address the flaws in the present law for obtaining judicial orders for the involuntary treatment of chemically dependent persons.

The bill provides authority to the Department of Human Services to bring petitions and to provide supervision of the treatment process. It also addresses the defendant's rights to appointment of counsel and to notice of the allegations against him and of the standards by which the court will rule on the petition and addresses procedures for placement and review after admission to a detoxification facility or an extended residential care facility.

The amendment (H-718) makes several technical changes and clarifies some vague terms. The amendment also makes some substantive changes. A person who is brought to a detoxification facility must be examined by a physician within 24 hours. No time was given in the original bill. A person may not be detained for longer than 18 hours after admission unless committed by judicial process. This time limit was 72 hours in the original bill. These changes now parallel the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-B, for involuntary commitment of mentally ill persons.

LD	An Act to Provide that Places of Public Accommodation	PUBLIC
2593	Install at Least One Standard Bathroom Stall in Conformance with the Standards of the American National Standards Institute	686 EMERGENCY

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
JALBERT HOLLOWAY GILL BUSTIN		

SUMMARY

This new draft of LD 2098 amends current law which mandates the structure of rest room facilities in public accommodations. It adds one additional requirement for construction, remodeling or enlargement begun on or after September 1, 1988; that is, at least one toilet stall (designated a "standard stall") must be constructed to accommodate wheelchairs. The narrower "alternate stalls",