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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES
AUGUST 1989

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 for 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 abbreviated 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 Research Assistant Barbara McGinn, and secretaries: Charlene Brann, and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

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

The amendment also reforms the existing Mandated Benefits Advisory Commission to include representation of the entities currently on the commission, and to add representatives to be appointed by legislative leadership, including Legislators and representatives of consumers, labor organizations, chiropractors and public health professionals. An ex officio representative of the Bureau of Health is also added. The amendment adds to the duties of the commission by requiring the commission to perform studies of proposed mandated benefits when requested by committees, to study existing mandated benefits on a schedule to be determined by the Joint Standing Committee on Banking and Insurance and to perform studies of particular issues related to mandated benefits when requested by the Joint Standing Committee on Banking and Insurance.

LD 644 **An Act to Provide Coverage for Chiropractic Services Under
Hospital Service Plans, Medical Service Plans and Insurance
Policies**

PUBLIC 141

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
PRAY MARTIN J HIGGINS WEBSTER C	OTP	

SUMMARY

The bill repeals the January 1, 1990 sunset date on the statute requiring insurers to include coverage for therapeutic, adjustive and manipulative services in all individual and group health insurance contracts, and to reimburse for services provided by chiropractors to the same extent they reimburse for those services when provided by other practitioners, provided the service is within the lawful scope of practice of a licensed chiropractor.

LD 651 **Resolve, to Study the Impact of Expanding Licensure of
Additional Groups of Health Care Professionals on Health
Insurance Costs**

LV/WD

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
GILL RYDELL CURRAN THERIAULT	LV/WD	

SUMMARY

The resolve creates a study committee to examine the relationship between licensing of categories of health care professionals, mandates that payments to new groups of health care professionals be covered under private and public insurance programs, and the cost to the State under the Medicaid program and to purchasers of group and individual health insurance policies.