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**JULY 1989**

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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.

LD 1018      An Act to Provide a Special Adjustment for Hospitals Having  
Unusually Low Financial Requirements per Case

PUBLIC 386  
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)  
TWITCHELL  
WALKER  
JACKSON  
HANLEY

COMMITTEE REPORT  
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
S-317

SUMMARY

This bill permits a one-time adjustment to financial requirements for hospitals with relatively low financial requirements which are experiencing financial difficulties because of rapidly increasing costs and when relief is in the public interest and necessary to avoid significant harm to the hospital's ability to provide services to its community.

**LD 1027**      An Act to Require the Department of Human Services to Set  
Child Welfare Fee-for-service Rates Based on Yearly  
Negotiations with Private Nonprofit Community Residential  
Treatment Providers

CARRY OVER  
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)  
GWADOSKY  
RICHARD  
HOLLOWAY  
MCGOWAN

COMMITTEE REPORT  
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
H-188

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Department of Human Services Division of Child and Family Services to establish, in conjunction with nonprofit community residential treatment service providers, rate-setting procedures to reflect the actual costs of clothing, board and care of children referred to providers by the department, based on an annual occupancy rate of 85%.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-188) adds an appropriation section to the bill, inserts an emergency preamble and clause, and requires the department to adopt rules to establish the rate setting procedure.

**LD 1029**      An Act to Transfer the Licensing Function from the Bureau of  
Mental Health to the Department of Mental Health and Mental  
Retardation

PUBLIC 227

SPONSOR(S)  
PINES  
MERRILL  
PERKINS  
TITCOMB

COMMITTEE REPORT  
OTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill relocates the licensing authority from the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-B, section 3606 within the laws relating to the Bureau of Mental Health to the section of Title 34-B dealing with the powers of the commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation.