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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:

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| 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 |

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COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-289
H-419 MANNING
S-410 PEARSON

SUMMARY

The original bill would require the licensure of all "clinics." The Committee Amendment (H-289) restricts the new licensing requirement to "ambulatory surgical facilities beginning January 1, 1990."

The House Amendment (H-419) resolves a conflict with a bill enacted earlier in the session.

The Senate Amendment (S-410) removes an appropriation.

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COMMITTEE REPORT
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AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
S-184 MAJ REP
S-288 GAUVREAU

SUMMARY

The original bill would establish an advisory committee to advise the bureau of Medical Services on issues relating to mental health. It would also require that rates of Medicaid reimbursement for mental health services be based upon cost; adjusted annually; recognize costs of recruitment, training and retention of staff; and not result in a decrease in number of clients served.

The Committee Amendment (S-184) changed the advisory committee to one which would advise the Bureau of Mental Health about Medicaid issues. It also deleted the reimbursement provisions.

The Senate Amendment (S-288) added the reimbursement provisions back onto the bill.

The Governor vetoed this bill. The veto was sustained.

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COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-584

SUMMARY

This bill revises the Medical Examiner Act. It provides that the contents of written or recorded conversations evidencing suicidal intent will not be accessible by the general public. It raises the

