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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:

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.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

MANNING **PENDLETON** OTP-AM

H-419 MANNING

S-410

H-289

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.

LD 1252 An Act to Establish the Mental Health Advisory Committee on Medicaid

VETO SUSTAINED

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COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED S-184 MAJ REP

BUSTIN PRAY

OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN

S-288 GAUVREAU

MANNING CLARK M

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.

LD 1262 An Act to Revise the Medical Examiner Act

CARRY OVER

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COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-584

OTP-AM CLARK M

NADEAU G R BALDACCI

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 basic nonsalaried medical examiner fee by \$5, raises the fee for scene visits by \$30 and authorizes a fee of up to \$20 relative to the taking, labeling, packaging and shipping of specimens.

The bill revises existing law to conform with the prevailing practice that long-term exposures to occupational and environmental toxins and beverage alcohol are matters for private handling between survivors and the victim's physician. This change does not exclude involvement of the medical examiner if the interests of the public must be served.

The bill provides to medical examiners more freedom to use their own discretion in selecting autopsy physicians.

The bill provides for the reporting of missing persons, when there is reason to suspect that those persons may not be found alive, and the accumulation and preservation of material, records and information which might be needed to identify the individual. It provides for confidentiality of the records and materials and for cooperation from government, medical and other private individuals and entities.

This bill was carried over by the Appropriations Committee.

LD 1268 An Act to Provide for Ladders of Advancement in the Health Care Profession

LV/WD

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COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

BUSTIN LV/WD

ALLEN CROWLEY LAPOINTE

SUMMARY

This bill would require the Board of Trustees of the vocational technical institutes to require institutes to establish a certified nursing assistant training and career ladder program to provide education and career enhancement inducements to potential nursing assistants. The programs would be required to standardize curriculum and allow credits toward practical nursing and other health occupation programs.

See also LDs 913, 1324 and 1591.

LD 1280 An Act to Require Administrators of Boarding Care Facilities to Obtain Continuing Education

INDEF PP

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CARROLL D

OTP-AM

MAJ

H-309

MAJ REP

MANNING

ONTP

MIN

GAUVREAU TITCOMB

SUMMARY

The original bill would require the Department of Human Services to require administrators of all boarding care facilities to obtain continuing education. The Committee Amendment (H-309) restricted the requirement to administrators of boarding homes (facilities with 6 or more beds) and clarified that the credits should be in areas relating to the administrator's functions.

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