

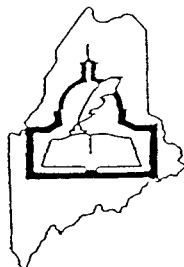
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**One Hundred and Fourteenth Legislature
Second Regular Session**

**Joint Standing Committee
Bill Summaries**

June 1990

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. Committee Reports and Floor Action are abbreviated as follows:

OTP
OTP-ND
OTP-ND-NT
OTP-A
ONTP
LVWD
INDEF PP

Ought to Pass
Ought to Pass in New Draft
Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
Ought to Pass as Amended
Ought Not to Pass
Leave to Withdraw
Indefinitely Postponed

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

LD 1197 **Resolve, Directing the Department of Mental Health and
Mental Retardation to Study Mental Health Needs**

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)

BUSTIN
PRAY
GAUVREAU
MANNING

COMMITTEE REPORT

LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session.

This bill would have required the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation to conduct a systems study of the population to be served; to develop mechanisms to ensure cooperation and communication between inpatient units and community service providers; and to conduct a statewide assessment of the need for psychiatric inpatient units in local community hospitals. This bill would have put into effect 3 of the recommendations made by the Commission to Review Overcrowding at the Augusta Mental Health Institute and the Bangor Mental Health Institute.

LD 1262 **An Act to Revise the Medical Examiner Act**

INDEF PP

SPONSOR(S)

CLARK M
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COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-788
H-885 MANNING

SUMMARY

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session.

This bill would revise the Medical Examiner Act. It provides that contents of written or recorded conversations evidencing suicidal intent will not be accessible to the general public. It raises medical examiner fees, restricts medical examiner involvement in cases involving long-term exposure to occupational and environmental toxins and alcohol and establishes a procedure for accumulation and preservation of records relating to missing persons.

The Committee Amendment narrows the focus of the procedure for missing persons and adds an appropriation.

The House Amendment clarifies the immunity language for persons providing information to the medical examiner.

LD 1591 **An Act Relating to the Status of Nursing Professions in
Maine (Reported Pursuant to Resolves of 1987, Chapter 106)**

**PUBLIC 609
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-734

SUMMARY

This bill contains the minority recommendations of the Commission to Study the Status of Nursing Professions in Maine. It is similar to LD 1324 except in the following ways:

It restricts loans under the Maine Choice Program to nursing students. It does not extend the Health Occupations Training Program to health care workers other than nurses. It does not permit delegation of