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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.

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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**

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
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**

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
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.