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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.

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
PENDLETON	OTP-AM	H-408
GILL		H-609 MANNING
RYDELL		H-659 MANNING
HOBBINS		

SUMMARY

This bill revises the laws pertaining to identifying, reporting, preventing and controlling communicable diseases or conditions that are injurious or that threaten the health of the people of the State.

The bill makes some substantive changes in the treatment of communicable diseases and sets forth the standards of proof for various proceedings in order to give more explicit guidance to the courts in adjudicating these matters. In addition to reenacting the current provisions with minor changes relating to rulemaking, this bill expands the rulemaking authority of the Department of Human Services to include the establishment of procedures to be used in detecting, contacting and treating individuals having or reasonably believed to have a communicable disease.

LD 1555 An Act to Save Medicaid Funds by Expanding the Ability of
the Department of Human Services to Recover Funds from Other
Payors

PUBLIC 397

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
PERKINS	OTP-AM	S-204
PENDLETON		
BURKE		

SUMMARY

This bill allows the State to file a claim against the estate of a Medicaid recipient when the recipient was, after death, found to have assets which would have made the recipient ineligible for benefits.

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

CARRY OVER

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

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 worker other than nurses. It does not permit delegation of CNA supervision to LPNs. It does not require the Maine Health Policy Advisory Commission to monitor the recommendations of the Commission and it does not require the establishment of a nursing and practice center.