

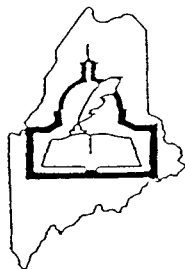
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**One Hundred and Fourteenth Legislature
Second Regular Session**

**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

Each individual summary was prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including secretaries: Charlene Raymond, 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.

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

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BUSTIN PRAY GAUVREAU MANNING	LV/WD	

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)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CLARK M NADEAU G R BALDACCI	OTP-AM	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	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
	OTP-AM	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

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.

Committee Amendment "A" replaces the original bill. It creates an advisory group within the State Board of Nursing to study career mobility issues in nursing. It also increases the nursing license and renewal fees which are charged by the Board of Nursing. The amendment adds an emergency clause to the bill.

LD 1648 An Act to Improve Services for Maine's Mentally Ill LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BUSTIN	LV/WD	
PRAY		
PEDERSON		
TITCOMB		

SUMMARY

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session.

This bill would have established specific standards of care for the treatment of Maine's mentally ill citizens. The bill would have required the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation to put the standards into place, to report on progress toward compliance with the standards, to review the needs of all residents who have lived at a state institution for more than 60 days and to conduct an annual review of unmet patients needs. The bill would have funded staff and facility improvements at the Augusta Mental Health Institute and the Bangor Mental Health Institute.

LD 1698 An Act to Create the Maine Family Development Foundation INDEF PP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
ROLDE	OTP-AM	H-787
PRAY		
MARTIN J		
BERUBE		

SUMMARY

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session.

This original bill would have established the Maine Family Development Foundation as a private nonprofit corporation for the purpose of preventing child disabilities by promoting education, research, studies and public-private partnerships.

The Committee Amendment provides for the transfer of the Maine Children's Trust Fund to the Foundation and the dissolution of the Board of the Trust Fund when assets of the Foundation reach \$200,000.