

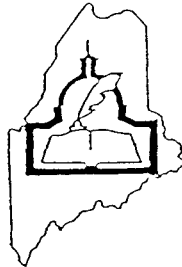
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**Joint Standing Committee
Bill Summaries**

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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GAUVREAUCOMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AMAMENDMENTS ADOPTED
S-622**SUMMARY**

The bill clarifies the definition of "household" in the general assistance laws and adds a "lump sum" provision to the laws, allowing municipalities to pro rate lump sum payments over time and count them as income for the purposes of general assistance eligibility.

Committee Amendment "A" modifies the "lump sum" provision. It specifies that the first \$1,000 must be disregarded and that the "lump sum" provisions may not be applied if an applicant falls below the federal minimum wage in actual income. The amendment also clarifies the fact-verification authority of local officials and requires the Department of Human Services to respond to emergency requests within 24 hours.

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PEDERSONCOMMITTEE REPORT
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill set forth conditions under which the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation could change providers of human services. It also would have required that a client impact statement be issued by the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation when reasonable cause for change in provider was determined to exist.

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PARADIS PCOMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AMAMENDMENTS ADOPTED
S-532**SUMMARY**

The original bill would have established a February 14, 1992 prohibition on smoking in state mental health institutes, allowing time for the implementation of smoking cessation programs before imposing a ban.

This bill, as amended by Committee Amendment "A", provides that patients at a state mental health institute may smoke in a designated smoking area that must be enclosed and adequately ventilated. The bill also requires state mental health institutes to design and implement smoking cessation programs for residents. The fiscal note states that the Department of Mental Health and Retardation will absorb the cost of providing smoking areas.