

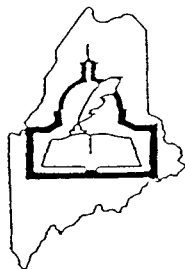
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**One Hundred and Fourteenth Legislature  
Second Regular Session**

**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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<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
BURKE BOST CARROLL D PENDLETON	OTP-AM	H-755

**SUMMARY**

This bill requires the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation to draft rules to extend the rights of persons with mental retardation to all clients of the Bureau of Mental Retardation and to submit legislation to the 115th Legislature to provide the funding to enable adoption of the rules.

The Committee Amendment replaced the language of the original bill and added a fiscal note which states that the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation will use existing staff and resources to carry out this resolve.

**LD 2055     An Act to Increase Awareness of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and  
the Effects of Alcohol and Drugs on Fetuses**

**PUBLIC 692**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
PENDLETON BURKE RANDALL KANY	OTP-AM	H-814

**SUMMARY**

The bill requires that an informational brochure regarding fetal alcohol syndrome, provided by the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, be given to both parties when a couple applies for a marriage license.

Committee Amendment "A" adds a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 2070     An Act to Assist the Department of Human Services in  
Conducting Chronic Disease Investigations and Evaluating the  
Completeness or Data Quality of its Disease Surveillance  
Programs**

**PUBLIC 844  
EMERGENCY**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
RANDALL TITCOMB PENDLETON KETOVER	OTP-AM	H-1024 CARTER S-621

**SUMMARY**

The bill grants to the Department of Human Services access to hospital and physician data which is filed with other agencies for the purpose of conducting chronic disease or data quality investigations. The bill protects physicians and hospitals from civil damages which result from the investigations.

Committee Amendment "A" amends statutes regarding the Health Care Finance Commission to enable the Commission to comply with the bill's provisions. It also extends the bill's immunity provisions to include the employees of hospitals and physicians, and requires the Department of Human Services to adopt rules regarding the use of data and reimbursement of physicians and hospitals.