

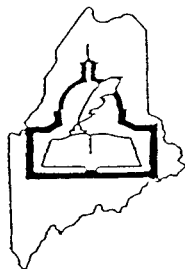
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**One Hundred and Fourteenth Legislature
Second Regular Session**

**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 2054 **Resolve, To Extend the Rights of All Mentally Retarded
Persons**

RESOLVE 66

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" amends the fiscal note to clarify that the Department will absorb reimbursement within its existing resources.

LD 2081 **An Act Concerning Availability of Income Between Spouses in
the Determination of Medicaid Eligibility for Nursing Home
Level Care** **LV/WD**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MARTIN J LISNIK	LV/WD	

SUMMARY

This bill would have required that no more than 1/2 of a couple's income or the income of the applicant spouse, whichever is less, be considered available to an institutionalized spouse for purposes of the Medicaid program. The bill would also have extended the spousal impoverishment provisions of the federal Medicare Catastrophic Coverage Act of 1988 to persons receiving nursing home-level care at home under the Medicaid waiver program.

LD 2086 **An Act to Provide for Outpatient Commitment** **LV/WD**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
PARADIS P	LV/WD	

SUMMARY

This bill would have permitted the involuntary commitment of certain mentally ill persons to prescribed outpatient treatment programs.

LD 2094 **An Act to Amend Vital Statistics Provisions Pertaining to
Adoptions** **PUBLIC 818**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CAHILL P BRANNIGAN WEBSTER M ANTHONY	OTP-AM	S-602

SUMMARY

This bill was rereferred to the Judiciary Committee. See summary under that Committee.

LD 2106 **An Act to Authorize the Department of Human Services to
Impose Civil Penalties on Vendors Who Violate the
Requirements of the Women, Infants and Children Special
Supplemental Food Program** **PUBLIC 777**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
PENDLETON WEBSTER C CLARK M	OTP-AM	H-830 H-913 MANNING

SUMMARY

The original bill increased to \$50,000 the maximum fine for violation of an order or rule of the Department of Human Services.