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**One Hundred and Fourteenth Legislature
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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	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 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.

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 LV/WD
LISNIK

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 OTP-AM S-602
BRANNIGAN
WEBSTER M
ANTHONY

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 OTP-AM H-830
WEBSTER C H-913 MANNING
CLARK M

SUMMARY

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