

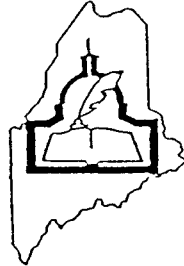
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**One Hundred and Fourteenth Legislature
Second Regular Session**

**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 2119

An Act to Require the State to Pay a Portion of the Health Insurance Premiums for Dependents of Retired State Employees

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)

AULT
NORTON
KANY
CLARK N

COMMITTEE REPORT

LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

Currently, the law requires that the State pay 100% of only active and retired employees' share of health insurance premiums. No provision is made for dependent coverage, except that the State pays 50% of the premiums of Legislators' dependents. Through collective bargaining, however, the State is required to pay 60% of dependents' medical, but not dental, premiums for active employees.

This bill requires the State to pay a portion of the health insurance premiums for dependents of retired state employees that is equal to the portion of those premiums which are currently paid for dependents of active employees through the collective bargaining agreement.

LD 2131

An Act to Amend the Laws Relating to the Maine Committee on Aging

PUBLIC 679

SPONSOR(S)

HICKEY
CLARK N
MCSWEENEY
JALBERT

COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-808

SUMMARY

This bill makes the following changes to the laws governing the Maine Committee on Aging:

1. Strikes out the provision that the Committee is solely advisory.
2. Empowers the Committee to investigate complaints made by individuals receiving care under any one of a number of government programs.
3. Allows staff and volunteers, in addition to Committee members, to enter the premises of programs receiving governmental funding.
4. Requires that ombudsmen be trained or supervised by Committee staff.

Committee Amendment "A" accomplishes the following:

1. Committee Amendment "A" retains the provision that the functions of the Maine Committee on Aging are solely advisory.
2. The amendment adds staff and volunteers to those individuals connected with the committee who must abide by the federal law regarding conflict of interest, as required by the original bill.
3. The amendment requires that the Director of the Bureau of Elder and Adult Services act as liaison between that bureau and the committee.
4. The amendment adds to the reports required from the committee those requested by the Governor or the Legislature and requires that the committee's long-term care ombudsman program submit reports as required by the bureau.