

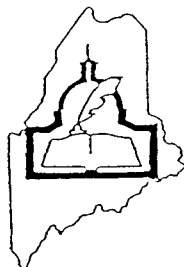
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**One Hundred and Fourteenth Legislature
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**Joint Standing Committee
Bill Summaries**

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.

LD 2227 **An Act to Amend the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act**

PUBLIC 819

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
PENDLETON COLLINS GAUVREAU DIPIETRO	OTP-AM	H-952

SUMMARY

The bill expands the list of organizations which must develop child abuse policies and adds chairs of professional licensing boards to the list of mandated reporters. The bill also eliminates the requirement of service by publication for preliminary protection order hearings when a party's whereabouts are unknown.

Committee Amendment "A" grants discretion to the court regarding service by publication in cases where a party's whereabouts are unknown. The amendment also makes the child welfare services ombudsman a permanent member of the Child Welfare Advisory Committee.

See also LDs 1833, 2115 and 2199.

LD 2233 **An Act to Continue the Driver Education Evaluation Program**

**PUBLIC 790
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
PERKINS DUSTEN FOSTER ROLDE	OTP-AM	S-584

SUMMARY

The bill repeals the sunset provision of the Driver Education Evaluation Program (DEEP). It also changes the program by eliminating the educational component for first offenders who are not referred for an evaluation and by allowing the program to require that certain first offenders participate in the multiple offender residential program. The bill also eliminates the requirement for second opinions to petition the appeals board and expands the board in anticipation of an increase in appeals.

Committee Amendment "A" retains the education component for all offenders and gives first offenders the option of participating in the multiple offender residential program in lieu of receiving a private evaluation. The amendment eliminates the changes which the original bill makes to the appeals process.

LD 2239 **An Act to Provide Greater Compliance with General Assistance Laws**

PUBLIC 699

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CLARK M BURKE GAUVREAU	OTP-AM	H-841

SUMMARY

The bill requires that municipalities post the toll-free number of the Department of Human Services for making complaints regarding general assistance, requires municipalities to make available to the public a summary of general assistance laws, requires the Department of Human Services to review and make a

finding for every complaint regarding general assistance, allows the Department to impose and withhold civil penalties from municipalities for general assistance violations, and entitles complainants to attorney's fees.

Committee Amendment "A" retains the requirement to post the Department's toll-free number and eliminates the bill's remaining provisions.

LD 2262 An Act Relating to Pharmacy Services to Nursing Home Residents PUBLIC 823

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
PRAY	OTP-AM	H-969 HICKEY
BUSTIN		S-586
GAUVREAU		

SUMMARY

The original bill requires posting of notice in nursing homes of residents' rights to choose the pharmacy that provides their medication. It also requires that the monthly drug regimen review for nursing home residents be performed by a pharmacy other than the one supplying the resident's medications.

The Committee Amendment removed the provision relating to drug regimen review and established a committee to study the use of pharmaceuticals in nursing homes.

The House Amendment deleted the study.

LD 2263 An Act Related to the Provision of Care for Adults with Long-term Needs PUBLIC 714

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BUSTIN	OTP-AM	S-533
FARNSWORTH		
DAGGETT		
DUTREMBLE D		

SUMMARY

This bill permits payment to relatives for the provision of in-home and community support services and personal assistance services. The Committee Amendment clarifies that payment to relatives is not required if it would be in violation of federal law or regulation.

LD 2265 An Act to Require Disclosure of Parents' Social Security Numbers at the Time of a Child's Birth and to Amend the Provisions of the Law Concerning Disclosure of Information DIED BETWEEN BODIES

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
WEBSTER C	OTP-AM MAJ	S-540 MAJ REP
BERUBE	ONTP MIN	
AIKMAN		
O'GARA		

SUMMARY

This bill would have required parents to provide their Social Security numbers when applying for a child's birth certificate. Numbers would be made available within the Department of Human Services for