

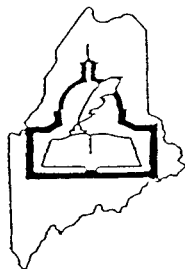
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**One Hundred and Fourteenth Legislature  
Second Regular Session**

**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.

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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**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
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**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
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**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
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

purposes of child support enforcement. The bill would also have established a penalty for failure to provide information relating to medical support recoupment and child support cases.

The Committee Amendment provided that Social Security numbers could be recorded only to the extent required by federal law.

This bill died between Houses.

**LD 2280**      **Resolve, to Create a Pilot Project for a Substance Abuse Halfway House for Pregnant Women and Mothers with Young Children**      **INDEF PP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
CLARK M	OTP-AM	H-937
CLARK N		
CAHILL P		
CHONKO		

**SUMMARY**

This bill would establish a pilot project halfway house for substance abusing pregnant women and mothers of infants.

The Committee Amendment adds a fiscal note.

**LD 2285**      **An Act to Amend the Laws Pertaining to Preadmission Assessment**      **INDEF PP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
HEPBURN	ONTP      MAJ	
RANDALL	OTP-AM      MIN	

**SUMMARY**

This bill would permit the Department of Human Services to refuse to provide payment for persons in boarding homes who did not meet the standard of medical need for the Medicaid program. It would also have deleted from current law requirements of the Department for which funds have not been appropriated.

The majority vote of the Committee was Ought Not to Pass. The minority Committee Amendment would have permitted the Department to refuse payment only if another housing alternative was available.

**LD 2301**      **An Act to Amend the Law on Intermediate Sanctions in Long-term Care Facilities**      **PUBLIC 747**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
HEPBURN	OTP-AM	H-897
HOLLOWAY		
CLARK M		

**SUMMARY**

The original bill permits the Department of Human Services to require a long-term care facility to transfer residents in an emergency that threatens the health, safety or welfare of the residents of the facility. It also would provide that penalties assessed against long-term care facilities would not be stayed during an appeal of the assessment.