

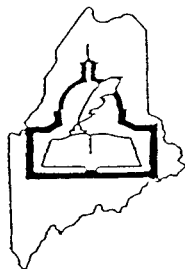
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**One Hundred and Fourteenth Legislature
Second Regular Session**

**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	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.

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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**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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.

The Committee Amendment requires the Department to assist in the transfer of residents and retains current law whereby collection of penalties is stayed during an appeal.

LD 2321 **Resolve, Directing the Department of Human Services to Develop a Poison Warning System** **INDEF PP**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
TITCOMB	OTP-AM	S-572

SUMMARY

This bill would require the Department of Human Services to develop a poison warning symbol and program designed to educate and alert children to the dangers of household products.

The Committee Amendment made minor revisions to the program and added an appropriation.

LD 2348 **An Act Concerning the Funding of Boarding Home Depreciation Accounts Under the Cost-reimbursement Program** **ONTP-MAJ REP**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BOUTILIER	ONTP MAJ	
LISNIK	OTP-AM MIN	
CARROLL D		
TITCOMB		

SUMMARY

The bill codifies Department of Human Services' rules regarding depreciation for cost-reimbursement boarding homes.

Committee Amendment "A" allows the Department of Human Services to negotiate a depreciation schedule that varies from the rules if a service provider can demonstrate that assets are consumed at a more rapid rate than allowed in the rules.

LD 2373 **An Act to Encourage Local and Regional Health Planning and Provide Research and Technical Assistance Related to Responsibilities of the Maine Health Policy Advisory Council** **PUBLIC 799**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
GAUVREAU	OTP-AM	S-583
MANNING		
CARROLL D		
GILL		

SUMMARY

The bill encourages health planning at the local level and authorizes the Maine Health Policy Advisory Council to hire additional staff and to charge a reasonable amount for its reports.

Committee Amendment "A" clarifies that the Council may receive and spend funds from sources other than the General Fund.