

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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BILL SUMMARIES**

**MAY 1992**

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 volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries.

All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the far right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

PUBLIC XXX	Chapter # of enacted Public Law
P&S XXX	Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
RESOLVE XXX	Chapter # of enacted Resolve
CON RES XXX	Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
EMERGENCY	Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days
CARRIED OVER	Bill carried over to Special Session
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass report accepted
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw report accepted
INDEF PP	Bill Indefinitely Postponed
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	House and Senate disagree; bill died
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE	Committee of Conference formed but unable to agree
VETO SUSTAINED	Legislature filed to override Governor's Veto
UNSIGNED	Not signed by Governor within 10 days
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	Action incomplete when session ended; bill died

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If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

## Joint Standing Committee on Banking & Insurance

**LD 177**      **Resolve, to Provide Group Insurance Coverage to Maine's Foster Parents**      ONTP

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
BUSTIN RYDELL MCCORMICK TREAT	ONTP	

### **SUMMARY**

This resolve requires the Department of Human Services to provide assistance to foster parents who have no health insurance by offering them group health insurance coverage and developing a cost sharing plan with the foster parents.

**LD 284**      **An Act to Amend and to Clarify Confidentiality Provisions in the Maine Insurance Code**      ONTP

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
MARSANO TRACY COLLINS BUSTIN	ONTP	

### **SUMMARY**

This bill clarifies existing law regarding the confidentiality of investigatory files, bringing the laws on the obligations of the Bureau of Insurance into line with the provisions applicable to the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, as codified in Title 10, section 8003-B, except to the extent concerns unique to insurance warrant different standards. The bill provides a confidentiality law which allows for dissemination to the public of valid complaint information regarding companies in the form of complaint ratios. It clarifies provisions in the law pertaining to the confidential nature of actuarial or financial information received by the bureau with filings.

**LD 516**      **An Act to Include Smokers in Rehabilitation Treatment Insurance Coverage**      ONTP

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
HALE TOWNSEND GEAN BRANNIGAN	ONTP      MAJ OTP      MIN	

### **SUMMARY**

This bill includes treatment for smokers in the health insurance provisions on treatment for alcoholism and drug dependency.