

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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AND  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
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ON  
HUMAN RESOURCES**

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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 right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

<b>PUBLIC XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<b>P&amp;S XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<b>RESOLVE XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<b>CON RES XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<b>EMERGENCY</b>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<b>CARRIED OVER</b>	<i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>
<b>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</b>	<i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<b>ONTP</b>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<b>LVWD</b>	<i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>
<b>INDEF PP</b>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<b>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</b>	<i>House &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<b>VETO SUSTAINED</b>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
<b>UNSIGNED</b>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<b>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</b>	<i>Action incomplete when 1st session ended</i>

These summaries were 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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and psychiatric patients without a physician's permission. It further requires that patients who are allowed to smoke must be given access to a designated smoking area unless their physician rules that such access would be a danger to the patient or other persons.

Committee Amendment "A" limits the permission for psychiatric and substance abuse patients to those in special units. It requires that they be permitted to smoke in designated areas unless their physician indicates that doing so would be a danger to the patient or other persons and it requires that these areas be enclosed. The amendment removes the requirement that patients in other than psychiatric or substance abuse units who are allowed to smoke be given access to a designated smoking area.

**LD 478**      **An Act to Suspend Administratively Certain Licenses Granted by the Department of Human Services**      **LV/MD**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
PENDLETON CAHILL P CLARK N	LV/WD	

**SUMMARY**

This bill allows the Department of Human Services to suspend a license for a children's home, child placing agency, day care facility or nursery school for up to 30 days without a court order if conditions are found that immediately endanger the health or safety of children in any of those facilities.

**LD 481**      **An Act to Improve Community Services to People with Mental Illness**      **LV/MD**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MELENDY GAUVREAU MANNING GILL	LV/WD	

**SUMMARY**

This bill exempts mental health projects from the certificate-of-need process if the services developed are offered first to patients who are admitted to them involuntarily under the State's involuntary commitment law.

**LD 489**      **An Act to Change the Specifications for Membership of the Maine Dental Health Council**      **PUBLIC 78**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
SUMMERS BUSTIN NASH BOUTILIER	OTP-AM	S-39

**SUMMARY**

This bill broadens the pool of potential appointees to the Maine Dental Health Council by allowing part-time dental clinic professionals to be appointed. Current law calls for a full-time professional from a clinic.