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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
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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.

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

Committee Amendment "A" (S-39) clarifies that one of the part-time professionals appointed from a clinic may be a dentist.

**LD 494**      **An Act to Continue Funding for Peer Support and Advocacy Services for Persons with Mental Illness**      **LV/WD**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BRANNIGAN BOST RYDELL	LV/WD	

**SUMMARY**

This bill provides funds for the Portland Coalition for the Psychiatrically Disabled to replace federal funding from the National Institutes on Mental Health which is scheduled to end on June 30, 1991.

**LD 538**      **An Act Relating to Assumption of Medical Expenses by the State in Child Protection Investigations**      **UNSIGNED**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
GAUVREAU MANNING CARROLL D	OTP-AM	S-429 BRANNIGAN S-81

**SUMMARY**

This bill requires that if the Department of Human Services requires that a child receive counseling or other medical services as an alternative to initiating a child protection proceeding against the parents and the child's parents do not have insurance coverage for such services, the Department of Human Services is responsible for providing them.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-81) requires the Department of Human Services to inform the person responsible for a child, when the department requires mental health or medical services as an alternative to a child protective proceeding, that the services must be approved by the department. The amendment also clarifies the requirement in the original bill regarding when the department must pay for those services. The amendment adds an appropriation to the bill.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-429) removes the appropriation from the bill.

The bill was enacted as amended but has not been signed by the Governor. Final resolution of the bill has yet to be determined.

**LD 539**      **An Act to Provide Access to Preventive Dental Care Services to Adults Eligible for Medicaid**      **LV/WD**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
GAUVREAU RYDELL BUSTIN	LV/WD	

**SUMMARY**

This bill adds preventive, diagnostic and corrective care to the list of dental services available to adults eligible for Medicaid.