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**BILL SUMMARIES
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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES
AUGUST 1991**

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:

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

Resolve, to Create a Demonstration Program to Increase Utilization of the Food Stamp Program by the Elderly

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COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
 H-382

SUMMARY

This bill directs the Department of Human Services to seek whatever federal approval is needed to create a demonstration program, modeled after one in New York, that would provide the food stamp benefit in cash, rather than in coupons. If approval is obtained, the demonstration would be implemented and the Department would report to the Legislature by March 15, 1992 regarding the success of the demonstration.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-382) removes provisions from the original bill that require the Department of Human Services to implement the demonstration. The amendment requires only that the department seek federal approval and report to the Legislature prior to implementation. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 870**An Act to Increase Availability of Family Preservation Services to Vulnerable Families****LV/WD**

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COMMITTEE REPORT
 LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill provides funds to the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation for 2 new home-based family service teams in the State for families with children at risk of out-of-home placement.

LD 873**An Act to Move the Registry of Persons Who Sustain Head Injuries from the Bureau of Rehabilitation to the Bureau of Health****PUBLIC 155**

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COMMITTEE REPORT
 OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
 H-156

SUMMARY

This bill makes reporting to the head injury registry mandatory. Reporting to the registry is currently voluntary. The bill also provides funds for the state share of Medicaid payments for case management services for persons with head injuries. Currently, these services are not available through Medicaid for persons with head injuries.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-156) replaces the original bill. It moves the registry from the Bureau of Rehabilitation to the Bureau of Health within the Department of Human Services. The amendment also adds a fiscal note.