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**STATE OF MAINE
115TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES
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ON
HUMAN RESOURCES**

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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
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>

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

LD 1071

An Act to Ensure Patient Access to Inpatient Psychiatric Services

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)
GILL
KETOVER
ANTHONY
MITCHELL E

COMMITTEE REPORT
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

Under current Medicaid regulations, which have also been adopted by the Maine Health Program, licensed psychiatric hospitals may be reimbursed only for providing inpatient services to patients under 22 years of age or over 64 years of age, while general hospitals may be reimbursed for providing these services to individuals of all ages. This bill makes licensed psychiatric hospitals eligible to provide inpatient services to adults 22 to 64 years of age under the Maine Health Program.

LD 1074

An Act to Maintain Appropriate Residential Care to Clients of Pineland Center

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)
GAUVREAU
MANNING
CARROLL D
GILL

COMMITTEE REPORT
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill provides funds to the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation for 10 positions at Pineland Center.

LD 1080

An Act to Require the Department of Human Services to Adopt Criteria for Competitive Reviews of Hospital Certificate of Need Projects and for Other Purposes

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)
FOSTER
CONSTANTINE
CARROLL J
PEARSON

COMMITTEE REPORT
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill modifies provisions of the laws governing certificates of need that affect the manner in which certain hospital projects are reviewed and approved. Under existing law, all so-called major hospital projects must be grouped for a one-time annual review within the constraints of the Certificate of Need Development Account. This bill requires the department to adopt rules setting forth criteria for establishing priorities among such projects based on consideration of the factors enumerated.