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**STATE OF MAINE  
115TH LEGISLATURE**

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AND  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
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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.

4. Allows persons who have been practicing for at least a year prior to October 1, 1993, to comply with existing licensing standards;
5. Eliminates the title "registered substance abuse counselor" but retains the registration requirement;
6. Allows the board to recognize master's level education and 1,000 hours of experience or other exceptional education or experience as eligibility for licensure;
7. Increases the eligibility requirements for registered substance abuse counselors to include high school graduation and demonstration of adherence to the ethical standards adopted by the board;
8. Increases the eligibility requirements for associate substance abuse counselors to include 300 education hours in substance abuse or a related field and a minimum of 4,000 hours of direct client service;
9. Increases the eligibility requirements for licensed substance abuse counselors to include an associate's degree in substance abuse or a related field and a minimum of 4,000 hours of direct client service;
10. Allows the board to revoke a license or registration for incompetence in the practice of counseling and establishes specific criteria for reinstatement; and
11. Increases the license fees.

Committee Amendment "A" adds a requirement that substance abuse counselors who are service providers under the Driver Education Evaluation Program must report annually to the State Board of Substance Abuse Counselors concerning the number of clients they have treated and have currently under treatment. The amendment corrects a technical error in which the desired amendments to the qualifications for licensed and associate substance abuse counselors were placed in each other's sections. It also requires associate counselors be licensed rather than certified. The amendment changes the licensing and registration fees from \$250 in the original bill to \$150. The current fee is \$100.

**LD 1393**

**An Act Increasing the Membership of the Nursing Home Administrators Licensing Board and Clarifying the Penalty for Unlicensed Practice**

**PUBLIC 341**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
LEBOWITZ  
GURNEY

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-395

**SUMMARY**

This bill:

1. Increases the membership of the Nursing Home Administrators Licensing Board to include one member who is an administrator of an intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded.
2. Makes operating a medical care facility other than a hospital without holding a nursing home administrator's license a Class E crime. Currently, there is no specific penalty for this offense.

Committee Amendment "A" adds an allocation section and a fiscal note to the bill.