

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE  
115TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
AND  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
HUMAN RESOURCES**

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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
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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:

<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.

**LD 1398**

**An Act to Appropriate Funds for Support Services for Persons Who Are Homeless**

**LV/WD**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
BRANNIGAN  
OLIVER

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
LV/WD

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill provides funds to the Department of Human Services and the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation for the support of persons who are homeless in the greater Portland area.

**LD 1420**

**An Act to Establish a Special Housing Allowance for the Aid to Families with Dependent Children Program**

**CARRIED OVER**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
MITCHELL E  
STROUT  
CHONKO  
MARTIN J

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill shifts the burden for a significant amount of the shelter cost for Aid to Families with Dependent Children families from municipalities and the State to the Federal Government by using the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program with its federal matching funds to meet a greater proportion of those families' shelter needs. It also maintains the eligibility of Aid to Families with Dependent Children families for the Maine Residents Property Tax Program but provides that payment of that benefit to those families be made through the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program to acquire the benefit of federal matching funds.

This bill has been carried over to the Second Regular Session.

**LD 1423**

**An Act to Establish a System of Consumer Advocates for Persons with Severe and Prolonged Mental Illness**

**LV/WD**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
GAUVREAU  
MANNING

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
LV/WD

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill provides for the establishment of a program of consumer advocates authorized to represent and assist persons with severe and prolonged mental illness in treatment or individualized service planning conferences and other related activities.