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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
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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.

LD 1808

An Act to Revise the Membership of the Committee to Advise the Department of Human Services on AIDS

**PUBLIC 404
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
RYDELL	OTP	
TITCOMB		
TREAT		

SUMMARY

This bill changes the membership of the Committee to Advise the Department of Human Services on Aids.

LD 1820

An Act to Provide Accountability for Certain Purchased Services by the Bureau of Mental Health

PUBLIC 452

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
GEAN	OTP-AM	H-474
CONLEY		
MARTIN J		
GILL		

SUMMARY

This bill requires that grants or contracts by the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation for the purchase of mental health services for adults and children be subject to the request for proposal process. The Commissioner of Mental Health and Mental Retardation is directed to establish a schedule over the next 6 years to phase in this requirement for all contracts.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-474) clarifies that only contracts of \$150,000 per year or more are subject to the request-for-proposal process every 6 years. The amendment removes a provision from the bill that required contracts to be issued for 2-year periods. The amendment also clarifies that the request-for-proposal process is to be phased in over the next 3 even-numbered calendar years. The amendment adds a requirement that the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation seek consumer advice in awarding contracts. It also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 1825

An Act to Amend the Laws Relating to the Collection of Debts by the Department of Human Services

**PUBLIC 568
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
PINES	OTP-AM	H-513
MAHANY		
SUMMERS		

SUMMARY

This bill improves the debt collection ability of the Department of Human Services by amending existing law to clarify the mechanisms that may be used to collect or secure a debt, indicate what parties the department may collect a debt from and establish a statutory lien for debts owed the department.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-513) recognizes that several parts of the original bill were enacted earlier in this legislative session as part of Public Law 1991, chapter 9. The amendment removes from the bill those provisions already enacted and keeps those parts of the bill that add to existing law. This amendment makes technical and clarifying changes to the existing law and to the additional language. It also adds an emergency preamble, an emergency clause, an appropriation section, an allocation section and a fiscal note to the bill.