

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES**

**MAY 1992**

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 far right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

PUBLIC XXX	Chapter # of enacted Public Law
P&S XXX	Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
RESOLVE XXX	Chapter # of enacted Resolve
CON RES XXX	Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
EMERGENCY	Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days
CARRIED OVER	Bill carried over to Special Session
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass report accepted
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw report accepted
INDEF PP	Bill Indefinitely Postponed
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	House and Senate disagree; bill died
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE	Committee of Conference formed but unable to agree
VETO SUSTAINED	Legislature filed to override Governor's Veto
UNSIGNED	Not signed by Governor within 10 days
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	Action incomplete when session ended; bill died

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, especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

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

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
CLARK N CONSTANTINE MORRISON	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	S-614 MAJ REP

**SUMMARY**

This bill increases the license fee for nursing homes by \$5 per bed in order to fund a General Fund appropriation for the Long-term Care Ombudsman Program.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-614) is the majority report of the Committee. It replaces the original bill. For accounting purposes, rather than increasing the nursing home license fee by \$5, it establishes a surcharge to the licensing fee of \$5 per bed. The amendment adds an appropriation section and fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 2007      An Act to Provide Community Mental Health Services to Persons with Severe and Persistent Mental Illnesses      ONTP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
BUSTIN MILLS ERWIN DAGGETT	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill appropriates funds to establish a 24-hour mobile crisis response service with respite beds that would serve persons with severe and persistent mental illnesses in Oxford County. The bill also provides funds for additional crisis workers, psychiatric support services and respite beds to serve persons with severe and persistent mental illnesses, including former Augusta Mental Health Institute patients, in Kennebec County.

The Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation has agreed to reallocate funds within its existing FY 1993 budget to provide basic crisis services in Oxford County. The Department will submit a report to the Committee by January 15, 1993 regarding statewide implementation of crisis services.

**LD 2014      Resolve, to Direct the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation to Develop a Proposal to Improve Staff Retention in Community-based Programs Serving Persons with Mental Retardation      RESOLVE 58 EMERGENCY**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
PRAY CLARK M GEAN	OTP-AM	S-593

**SUMMARY**

This resolve requires the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation to prepare a written staff retention plan relating to the provision of services in community-based programs serving persons with mental retardation and a mechanism for establishing wage parity between community-based and state programs. The department must report to the Legislature by January 15, 1993.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-593) adds a fiscal note to the resolve.