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**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.

5. It makes a substantive change to the laws governing hospital restructuring by adding a provision concerning the corporate purpose of holding companies.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-1122) modifies and further clarifies the statutory changes made in the original bill.

LD 2170 **An Act to Clarify and Improve the Procedures of the Maine Health Care Finance Commission** PUBLIC 771

SPONSOR(S) MANNING	COMMITTEE REPORT OTP-AM	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED H-1117
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SUMMARY

This bill changes the laws governing the Maine Health Care Finance Commission. The bill changes the language governing interim adjustments to specify that the rule change to increase or decrease the amount of the credit must be proposed during the cycle. The bill clarifies the burden of proof governing contests of proposed revenue limits by specifically referring to them in the statutory provision governing the burden to be applied in original proceedings before the commission. Finally, this bill expands the amount of time available to complete formal proceedings in interim adjustment cases, in order to allow the commission to permit informal negotiation for a reasonable period of time after an interim adjustment application has been filed.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-1117) modifies and clarifies the statutory changes made in the bill.

LD 2176 **An Act Concerning the Early Establishment of Counseling for Children in Foster Care** PUBLIC 882

SPONSOR(S) DORE CASHMAN RAND	COMMITTEE REPORT OTP-AM	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED H-1179 S-780 BRANNIGAN
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SUMMARY

This bill promotes the early establishment of counseling for children in foster care who can not be returned immediately to their families.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-1179) clarifies the language in the original bill and places it in a more appropriate section of the Maine Revised Statutes. The amendment adds a provision requiring Medicaid coverage by October 1, 1992 for crisis counseling for children who are removed from their homes.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-780) adds language requiring the Department of Human Services to pay for the newly required counseling within available resources and replaces the fiscal note.