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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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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.

**An Act to Provide Accountability for Certain Purchased
Services Related to Substance Abuse**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
GEAN MARTIN J BERUBE MANNING	OTP-AM	H-1041

SUMMARY

This bill requires that any new contracts entered into and certain contracts renewed by the Office of Substance Abuse must be awarded through a request-for-proposal procedure. The bill also requires the Director of the Office of Substance Abuse to establish a procedure to obtain assistance and advice from consumers of alcohol and other drug abuse services regarding the selection of contracts. The bill also corrects a conflict created by 2 public laws, Public Law 1991, chapters 557 and 601, amending the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 20005, subsection 6, paragraph B.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-1041) adds a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 2297 Resolve, to Ensure Protection and Family Support for Maine's
Children**

RESOLVE 72
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
RYDELL GWADOSKY	OTP-AM	H-1110 S-768 BRANNIGAN

SUMMARY

This resolve requires the Department of Human Services to develop a comprehensive plan for protective and family support services for children.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-1110) requires that the oversight committee established by the Department of Human Services develop its recommendations prior to the department's development of a plan. It also moves the reporting date for the plan from January 15 to March 1, 1993. The amendment broadens the charge and membership of the oversight committee and gives the committee access to confidential information. It also adds an appropriation section and fiscal note to the resolve.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-768) strikes the appropriation section and replaces the fiscal note. The Department of Human Services agreed to absorb the costs of preparing the plan within existing resources.

**LD 2300 An Act to Prohibit the State from Entering into Residential
Treatment Facility Contracts That Give Preference to Former
Patients of State Mental Health Institutes**

ONTP-MAJ REP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
DORE HOGLUND GILL CLARK M	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

SUMMARY

This bill prohibits the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation from entering into contracts with residential care facilities that give preference to patients of the Augusta Mental Health Institute or the Bangor Mental Health Institute.