

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE  
116TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

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

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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES**

**JULY 1993**

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.

The committee report or reports, the prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor in each house if one has been designated are listed below each bill title. 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*

*P&S XXX*

*RESOLVE XXX*

*CON RES XXX*

*EMERGENCY*

*CARRIED OVER*

*ONTP*

*ENACTMENT FAILED*

*INDEF PP*

*FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT*

*FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT*

*DIED BETWEEN BODIES*

*CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE*

*VETO SUSTAINED*

*UNSIGNED*

*DIED ON ADJOURNMENT*

*Chapter # of enacted Public Law*

*Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law*

*Chapter # of enacted Resolve*

*Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses*

*Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days*

*Bill carried over to Second Session*

*Ought Not to Pass report accepted*

*Bill failed to get majority vote*

*Bill Indefinitely Postponed*

*Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote*

*Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote*

*House & Senate disagree; bill died*

*Committee of Conference formed but unable to agree*

*Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto*

*Not signed by Governor within 10 days*

*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.

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

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## Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources

**LD 5**      **An Act Concerning Private Agencies That Have Contracts  
with the Department of Human Services**      ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**      **COMMITTEE REPORT**      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
VOSE      ONTP

### **SUMMARY**

This bill requires the Department of Human Services to adopt rules requiring social service agencies that do business with the department to have toll-free telephone systems so that applicants and recipients have free telephone access to the agencies.

**LD 56**      **An Act to Establish a Psychiatric Component for Community  
Health and Counseling Services in Washington County**      ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**      **COMMITTEE REPORT**      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
VOSE      ONTP

### **SUMMARY**

This bill appropriates funds to the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation for Community Health and Counseling Services, Inc. to fund a full-time psychiatrist in Washington County.

**LD 87**      **An Act to Provide Mental Health Services to the Elderly**      ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**      **COMMITTEE REPORT**      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
SIMONDS      ONTP

### **SUMMARY**

This bill provides funding to expand statewide the geriatric mental health resource program, which provides home-based mental health services to older people. It also establishes statewide psychogeriatric teams to provide direct service, consultation and training to nursing home residents and staff.

**LD 119**      **An Act Regarding Medicaid Reimbursement for Counseling  
Services**      PUBLIC 393

**SPONSOR(S)**      **COMMITTEE REPORT**      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
MARTIN J      OTP-AM      H-513

### **SUMMARY**

Currently, licensed master social workers and licensed social workers are eligible for Medicaid reimbursement for certain counseling services while licensed clinical professional counselors and licensed professional counselors are not. This bill extends Medicaid reimbursement of counseling to licensed clinical professional counselors and licensed professional counselors to the same extent that it exists for licensed master social workers and licensed social workers.

Amendment H-513 modifies the original bill. Rather than lumping several counseling categories into one, it treats licensed clinical social workers and licensed clinical professional counselors as one group for