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**STATE OF MAINE
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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

**BILL SUMMARIES
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES**

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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:

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

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

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LD 268**An Act to Facilitate the Transport of Bodies Out of State
by Funeral Directors**

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
MURPHY**COMMITTEE REPORT**
ONTP**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED****SUMMARY**

Currently, before a body is removed from the State, a medical examiner must issue a certificate. This sometimes results in a delay that creates a hardship for families. In border communities, families that have arrangements with funeral homes in New Hampshire can not have the body of a family member moved until a medical examiner's certification is received. This bill makes an exception to the required medical examiner's certification if the body is being transported by a funeral director. The funeral director still needs to meet all other requirements to receive a permit, except that the medical examiner's signature is not necessary. The exception does not apply to homicides, poisonings or suspicious deaths; those remain medical examiner cases pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 3025.

**LD 286 An Act to Require Psychiatric Review Prior to Certain
Medication Changes at the Maine Youth Center**

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
GEAN**COMMITTEE REPORT**
ONTP**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED****SUMMARY**

Because access to psychiatric services is limited at the Maine Youth Center, changes in psychotropic medication are sometimes ordered by physicians who are not psychiatrists. This bill requires that, if a child at the Maine Youth Center is taking psychotropic or other drugs for mental illness or emotional disturbance, a psychiatrist must review the child's treatment regimen before a change in medication is ordered.

**LD 288 An Act to Restore Certain Benefits to Medically Needy
Persons**

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
DAGGETT
BUSTIN**COMMITTEE REPORT**
ONTP**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED****SUMMARY**

This bill increases the income threshold for Medicaid eligibility from 100% to 133 1/3% of the aid to families with dependent children payment standard for a family of 2 or more and from 100% to 133 1/3% of the full-need standard for an individual.

**LD 289 An Act Concerning Medicaid Services for People with
Mental Illness**

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
DORE**COMMITTEE REPORT**
ONTP**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED****SUMMARY**

This bill prohibits the Department of Human Services and the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation from assessing copayments on Medicaid services to people with mental illness when those services are part of a treatment or services plan.