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**BILL SUMMARIES
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ON
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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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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.

4693NRG

An Act to Assess the Health Risks Associated with Ingestion of Fish Caught by Noncommercial Anglers**SPONSOR(S)**
WENTWORTH
TREAT**COMMITTEE REPORT**
OTP-AM**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
H-384**SUMMARY**

This bill requires the Director of the Bureau of Health to prepare an annual assessment of any health risks posed to persons who eat sport fish caught in state waters. The director is required to prepare any necessary health advisories concerning consumption of sport fish and submit a report to the Legislature. The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife is responsible for printing verbatim and distributing the health advisory in a form for posting. A verbatim copy of the advisory must be included in the abstract prepared by the commissioner for all sport fishing license holders.

Amendment H-384 replaces the original bill. It differs from the original bill in the following ways.

1. It removes the requirement that the Bureau of Health submit an annual report to the Legislature.
2. It clarifies that the health assessment conducted by the Bureau of Health pertains to fish caught in state waters by noncommercial anglers.
3. It clarifies that the Director of the Bureau of Health has final say on wording of health advisories regarding consumption of fish caught by noncommercial anglers.
4. It removes a provision of the bill that prohibits the Bureau of Health from sharing any drafts of its advisories prior to final release, clarifying that scientific peer review of the draft advisories is allowed.
5. It adds a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 374 An Act to Assist Policy Makers in Establishing Health Care Policy**SPONSOR(S)**
CARLETON**COMMITTEE REPORT**
OTP-AM**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
H-189**SUMMARY**

Currently, the Maine Health Care Finance Commission collects nonhospital data for certain procedures on a demonstration basis. This bill makes the data collection permanent and expands the list of procedures to include thallium scanning.

Amendment H-189 replaces the original bill. It adds thallium scanning to the list but retains the demonstration status of the data collection. The demonstration language is amended to clarify that the data may be collected statewide. Also, the criteria for evaluation of the demonstration are expanded and the commission is required to submit a report to the Legislature by January 1, 1997. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.