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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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**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:

<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 936

An Act to Require That Professional Boards Set Copying Fees for Members of the Professions They Regulate

ONTP

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LIPMAN

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill requires persons, who provide a professional service to members of the public and are licensed by the State, to maintain the records that relate to provision of the professional service. Copies of these records must be provided to the client or patient within 30 days of the receipt of a request for copies and the copies must be provided at a reasonable charge, which may not exceed \$5 for the first page and \$1 for each subsequent page. A violation of the provisions of this bill constitutes an unfair trade practice.

LD 1063

An Act to Amend the Laws Concerning Requirements for Licensure of Counseling Professionals

ONTP

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BUSTIN

COMMITTEE REPORT
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AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

To be eligible for a license as a counseling professional the law requires 2 years of experience, including a specified number of hours of supervised or direct clinical experience, after obtaining a master's degree. This bill eliminates the requirement that this experience be after the master's degree.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-137) allows 1/2 of the internship hours received while obtaining the master's degree to be applied toward the experience requirement.

LD 1065

An Act to Clarify the Laws Regarding Interior Design Services

ONTP

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COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

Current law regulates interior designers, who are designers that perform services that include the preparation of working drawings, plans and specifications relative to nonload bearing interior construction, space planning and the like, under the same laws that regulate architects and landscape architects. This bill provides a specific exemption from those laws for interior designers.

LD 1070

An Act to Increase Access to and Affordability of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment Services

CARRIED OVER

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COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

Currently, 3rd-party mental health reimbursement is limited to psychologists, psychiatrists, social workers and psychiatric nurses. In addition, current law makes a distinction between master-level