

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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BILL SUMMARIES  
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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES**

**MAY 1994**

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, 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*

*ONTP*

*INDEF PP*

*FAILED ENACTMENT*

*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*

*Ought Not to Pass report accepted*

*Bill Indefinitely Postponed*

*Bill failed to get majority vote*

*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 unable to agree; bill died*

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

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<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>		<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
MORRISON	OTP-AM	MAJ	H-905
	ONTP	MIN	

**SUMMARY**

This bill directs the Department of Human Services to adopt rules to provide direct Medicaid reimbursement to licensed pastoral counselors.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT A (H-905) is the majority report of the Committee. It does not allow direct billing, but qualifies licensed pastoral counselors for Medicaid reimbursement in those cases where licensed clinical social workers and licensed clinical professional counselors are qualified. The amendment also extends this parity to licensed marriage and family therapists. These changes are made effective July 1, 1995. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 1629      An Act to Require Disclosure of Corporate Interests in Applications for Public Assistance** ONTP

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
ZIRNKILTON	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill requires applicants for food stamps, Medicaid, aid to families with dependent children, general assistance and any other program of public assistance administered by the Department of Human Services to disclose any interest that the applicant has in a corporation. It also requires that interest be included in the applicant's assets, to the extent that the interest is transferable.

**LD 1644      An Act to Provide Support for a Transitional Living Program in Cumberland County** ONTP

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
JOHNSON	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill appropriates \$120,000 in fiscal year 1993-94 to the Office of Substance Abuse within the Executive Department for the Portland YWCA Street Program to provide transitional living services to homeless and runaway youth.

**LD 1650      An Act to Clarify the Application of Nursing Facility Admissions Criteria** ONTP

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>		<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
MARTIN J	OTP-AM	MAJ	
	ONTP	MIN	

**SUMMARY**

This bill retroactively specifies that changes to the rules regarding admission to a nursing facility that were adopted on October 1, 1993, apply only to persons newly admitted to nursing facilities.