

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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BILL SUMMARIES  
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**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.

5581LHS

The original bill required the Division of Mental Retardation to provide services directly. The amendment requires the division to ensure that those services be provided. This change allows the division to ensure access through its contractors.

The original bill required the Division of Mental Retardation to provide in each regional office at least one person who is proficient in American Sign Language. The amendment establishes this as a goal and requires the division to designate a coordinator in each regional office.

The amendment expands an existing biennial reporting requirement in mental health to include mental retardation.

The amendment clarifies that the bill does not diminish or alter the Department of Education's responsibility to provide free and appropriate education to students with disabilities.

The amendment adds a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 1681**      **An Act to Encourage the Establishment or Expansion of  
Certain Residency Programs Relating to Emergency Medicine  
Physicians**

PUBLIC 733

**SPONSOR(S)**  
PENDEXTER  
HARRIMAN

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-796

**SUMMARY**

This bill allows hospitals to establish emergency medicine residency programs without being penalized by the State's hospital regulation system. It makes the Maine Health Care Finance Commission "blind" to new revenue associated with such programs.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT A (H-796) adds a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 1683**      **Resolve, Regarding the Development of a Medicare Volume  
Performance Standard Demonstration Project**

RESOLVE 52

**SPONSOR(S)**  
RYDELL  
TREAT

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-768

**SUMMARY**

This resolve establishes the Maine Medicare Volume Performance Standard Demonstration Project and authorizes the Maine Medical Assessment Foundation to participate in the project. Under the project, practice and utilization pattern statistics for physicians in the State must be separated from the national statistics, their annual volume response must be calculated separately and fees for the subsequent year must be set utilizing the default conversion factor formula. The project must involve physicians providing services to Medicare recipients.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT A (H-768) clarifies that the Department of Human Services will submit the waiver for the Maine Medicare Performance Standard Demonstration Project. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the resolve.