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

SUMMARY

This bill changes the standard of need for general assistance from the standard applied by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development fair market rental values to the standard in effect on July 1, 1993. This bill also corrects the standard of calculation for metropolitan areas, which was intended to be subject to the 110% of average fair market value coefficient.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT A (H–863) makes the same change in the housing fair market standard as proposed in the original bill but repeals the change on July 1, 1995. The amendment also adds a mandate preamble, an emergency preamble, an emergency clause and a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 1929 Resolve, to Effect the Health and Social Services Transition Team's Recommended Reorganization of the Department of Human Services and the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation into a Single Department of Health, Children and Family Services

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
AMERO	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This resolve consolidates the Department of Human Services, the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation and the Office of Substance Abuse into the Department of Health, Children and Family Services.

LD 1945 An Act to Amend the Public Smoking Laws

VETO SUSTAINED

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CONLEY	OTP–AM	S–488
		S–560 PARADIS J

SUMMARY

This bill exempts pool halls or billiard parlors from the prohibition on public smoking. The bill also clarifies the application of the public smoking law to mixed-use facilities. If smoking is permitted for one of the activities conducted within a single enclosed area, then smoking is permitted throughout the entire enclosed area.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT A (S–488) exempts pool halls from the smoking laws, but only if they serve alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises and prohibit minors from the area in which smoking is allowed. The amendment also reverses the original bill on the issue of mixed use facilities. The original bill applied the least restrictive smoking standard to areas where more than one activity takes place. The amendment applies the most restrictive smoking standard to those areas. The amendment strengthens enforcement of the smoking laws by increasing the maximum penalty for subsequent offenses to $500. Currently, the maximum for any offense is $100. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

SENATE AMENDMENT D (S–560) amends the committee amendment to remove the provision governing smoking in mixed-use areas. This amendment also removes language from the committee amendment concerning the court's ability to issue injunctions or contempt orders for continued violations of the smoking laws.