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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

BILL SUMMARIES
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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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

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SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill establishes the Maine Health Care Reform Commission, the goal of which is to create alternative comprehensive health care proposals for consideration by the 117th Legislature, providing access to health care for all Maine citizens by July 1, 1997.

The commission consists of 3 appointed members, who serve part time for the duration of the work of the commission. The commission may employ unclassified confidential employees or contract for the services of professional and support staff. Meetings of the commission are public meetings and records of the commission are public records within the meaning of the freedom of access laws. The commission is funded from the General Fund and may apply for grants and awards from foundations and other public and private sources.

This bill charges the commission with bringing back to the Governor, the Legislature and the public a report and implementing legislation on at least 3 models for health care reform and a proposal for a uniform data collection system. The commission must report on 3 models for health care reform: a multi-payor model that provides health insurance coverage for the citizens of the State, a single-payor model that provides universal coverage for all citizens of the State and a model based on the present health care system that incorporates managed care and other mechanisms to control costs and to improve access for uninsured citizens of the State.

This bill requires the commission to develop a program for public participation and education, involving all interested citizens, parties and groups. The public participation and education program must begin early in the work of the commission and continue through the presentation of legislation to the Governor and the Legislature.

This bill takes effect July 20, 1994.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-1023 PINEAU

H-998 PINEAU

SUMMARY

This bill requires the annual report from every nonprofit hospital or medical service corporation to the Superintendent of Insurance to include complaints concerning access to chiropractic services and the results of those complaints. The bill imposes the same requirements on insurers.

The bill requires the annual report of health maintenance organizations to the Superintendent of Insurance and the Commissioner of Human Services to include a separate listing of complaints concerning access to chiropractic services.

The bill requires the annual report on utilization review of health maintenance organizations to the Superintendent of Insurance to include the number of evaluations concerning chiropractic services and the results of those evaluations.

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-998) requires health maintenance organization health care plans to provide for chiropractic services at benefit levels similar to the benefit levels for other providers providing the same services.

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" (H-1023) adds language to the group insurance laws that is in the HMO sections of the bill, sections 1 and 2.

LD 2012 An Act to Continue the Maine Health Program

**PUBLIC 673
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)
DUTREMBLE

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
S-662 KIEFFER

SUMMARY

Current law provides that, after April 1, 1994, the Maine Health Program is a privately administered and funded program. This bill extends that date by one year.

This bill also changes the differential for charges incurred in hospitals from 60% to 100%.

This bill also extends for one year the Advisory Board to Privatize the Maine Health Program established to study alternatives to the Maine Health Program and the deadline for reporting to the Legislature is also extended. This bill makes these changes retroactive to April 1, 1994.

This bill also appropriates funds to continue the Maine Health Program for fiscal year 1994-95.

SENATE AMENDMENT "B" (S-662) directs the Department of Human Services to privatize the Maine Health Program by contracting with managed care providers by June 30, 1994 or as soon as possible thereafter in order to continue the Maine Health Program. The amendment also funds the adult portion of the Maine Health Program from April 1, 1994 to June 30, 1994 and adds a new fiscal note.

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