

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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BILL SUMMARIES  
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**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION BEFORE  
THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES**

**AUGUST 1995**

This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing 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 publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, is helpful in determining to which committee any particular bill was referred.

In this document, 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 categories of final action are abbreviated as follows:

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

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. If more detailed information is needed on a bill, contact the committee analyst.

5581LHS

**SUMMARY**

This bill requires that day care facilities for children and home baby-sitting services must provide proof of rabies vaccination for any dog or cat residing permanently or occasionally on its premises.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-96) requires the Commissioner of Human Services to adopt rules to ensure that pets that reside in licensed day care facilities and registered home babysitting services have current and appropriate rabies vaccinations.

**LD 250      An Act to Authorize Municipalities to Prohibit Smoking in Buildings Used by Minors under 18 Years of Age      ONTP**

**SPONSOR(S)                      COMMITTEE REPORT                      AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
PINKHAM                              ONTP

**SUMMARY**

This bill allows the legislative body of a municipality to prohibit smoking in a public place under the control of the legislative body when a beano or a bingo game is being played if that public place is used by minors who have not attained 18 years of age.

**LD 251      An Act Requiring Medicaid Recipients to Have Primary Care Physicians      ONTP**

**SPONSOR(S)                      COMMITTEE REPORT                      AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
BIRNEY                                      ONTP

**SUMMARY**

This bill requires the Department of Human Services to apply for all waivers necessary to establish managed care in the Medicaid program. It requires all Medicaid recipients to be enrolled with primary care health care providers whose prior knowledge and approval are required in order for recipients to be eligible for any visits to, examinations by, prescriptions from and consultations with any other health care providers.

**LD 268      An Act to Create a Learnfare Program in the State      ONTP**

**SPONSOR(S)                      COMMITTEE REPORT                      AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
PLOWMAN                                      ONTP

**SUMMARY**

The bill directs the Department of Human Services to pursue a federal waiver to establish a Learnfare Program. Under the Learnfare Program parents under the age of 24 who are heads of households and children in households receiving Aid to Families with Dependent Children who have not completed high school must attend school regularly. Case management services are provided. Benefits are suspended for failure to comply with the program requirements. The department is required to implement the program 90 days after the granting of the waiver by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.