

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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117TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
HUMAN RESOURCES

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**ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
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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.

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LD 271

**An Act to Establish an Electronic Benefit Delivery Program  
for Aid to Families with Dependent Children, Food Stamp,  
Women, Infants and Children Special Supplemental Food and  
Medicaid Programs**

CARRIED OVER

**SPONSOR(S)**  
MORRISON

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill establishes an electronic benefit delivery program for the delivery of benefits by automated means to recipients of the Aid to Families with Dependent Children, food stamp, Medicaid and the Women, Infants and Children Special Supplemental Food programs. This bill enables program recipients to use encoded cards to withdraw benefits from automated teller and point of service machines on a periodic basis.

The bill requires the Department of Human Services to apply for a waiver to establish the electronic benefit delivery program and requires that program to be implemented within 90 days of receipt of the waiver.

The bill requires a report by January 1, 1996, by the Department of Human Services to the Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources on progress in implementing the program.

This bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 117th Legislature.

LD 272

**An Act to Implement an Electronic Benefit Delivery Program  
for Benefits Provided by the Department of Mental Health  
and Mental Retardation**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
MORRISON

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill establishes an electronic benefit delivery program for the delivery of benefits by automated means to recipients of the benefits under programs delivered and administered by the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation. It enables program recipients to use encoded cards to withdraw their benefits from automated teller and point-of-service machines on a periodic basis.

The bill requires the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation to apply for a waiver to establish the program and requires the program to be implemented within 90 days of receipt of the waiver.

The bill requires a report by January 1, 1996 from the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation to the Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources on progress in implementing the program.

**LD 273**

**An Act to Regulate Nonsewered Toilet Systems**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
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**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill establishes construction standards, required numbers and servicing requirements for portable toilets on work sites and at special events.