

# MAINE STATE 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 579**

**An Act to Increase the Availability of Certain Drugs Used to Treat Mental Illness**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
FITZPATRICK

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill establishes an account to purchase clozaril for people with severe mental illness who have no other means of purchasing that drug. If funds permit, the fund would be used for additional drugs used by persons with severe and prolonged mental illness.

**LD 581 An Act to Amend Provisions of the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act Relating to Voluntary Agreements**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
FITZPATRICK

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill substantially amends the provisions of the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act relating to voluntary agreements in the following ways.

1. It amends the definitions of "custodian" and "licensed mental health professional" and adds a definition of "interdisciplinary team."
2. It adds as conditions for an authorized agreement that the child be 18 years of age or younger, that the child and custodian be found willing and able to fulfill the terms of the agreement and that all appropriate community services have been used before the custodian requests a voluntary agreement.
3. It lists certain documents that must accompany an application.
4. It specifies the procedures for determining whether the Bureau of Child and Family Services will enter into a voluntary agreement.
5. It amends the agreement requirements by further specifying the financial contribution required of the custodian.
6. It sets forth terms for both implementation and termination of a voluntary agreement.

**LD 583 An Act to Facilitate Cooperative Agreements among Hospitals**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
PENDEXTER

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill repeals the provision of the Hospital Cooperation Act of 1992 that prevents the acceptance of an application under the Act after June 30, 1995. The Act removes certain antitrust barriers to hospital cooperation.

See LD 744.