

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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117TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
HUMAN RESOURCES

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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 584**

**An Act to Promote Competition and Managed Care Cost Savings in the Pharmaceutical Market**

ONTP

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**COMMITTEE REPORT**

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**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill repeals the law governing nondiscrimination in pharmaceuticals pricing, which was enacted in the Second Regular Session of the 116th Legislature.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-224), the minority report of the committee, adds a fiscal note. It was not accepted in either body.

See also LD 1140.

**LD 604**

**An Act to Encourage Savings in the Medicaid Program through the Medicaid Waiver**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**

TOWNSEND

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill exempts from the Medicaid estate recovery laws the estate of a recipient of home-based and community-based services under the Medicaid waiver program.

**LD 622**

**An Act to Expand the Jurisdiction of the Consumer Advisory Board of the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation by Giving Board Members and its Staff Direct Access to All Areas of Agencies that Serve Clients of the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation and People with Autism**

PUBLIC 127

**SPONSOR(S)**

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**COMMITTEE REPORT**

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**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

H-156

**SUMMARY**

This bill recognizes the new community consent decree that replaced the Pineland Consent Decree and gives oversight responsibility for all persons in this State with mental retardation or autism to the Consumer Advisory Board.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-156) accomplishes the following.

1. It changes an error in a date in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-B, section 1216, subsection 1.
2. It restricts the persons who may receive services to clients of the Division of Mental Retardation.
3. It restricts access to areas, records and personnel of institutions, facilities, agencies and other providers administered by the Division of Mental Retardation or when any client of the division resides or participates in work or in a program.