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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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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-266) extends the definition of cooperative agreement for purposes of the Hospital Cooperation Act of 1992 to cover nonprofit mental health care providers and to cover coordinated negotiation and contracting with payors or employers. It requires nonprofit mental health care providers to reimburse the Department of the Attorney General for the reasonable costs of expenses incurred by the department. It caps the possible assessment to pay for work under the Act to \$200,000 per year in the next biennium. It extends from 1995 to 1999 the date for submission of recommendations regarding the Act. It allocates \$20,000 per year to pay for the cost of experts and other costs related to analyzing hospital cooperative activity.

See LD 583.

**LD 761      An Act to Establish a Lead Poisoning Fund      ONTP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
DAGGETT	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill establishes the Lead Poisoning Fund for the purposes of providing low-interest loans for lead paint abatement and providing grants for chelation treatments. The loans may be for up to 10 years. The chelation treatment grants may be for up to \$5000 and are available to households with incomes below 300% of the federal poverty level. The fund is administered by the Commissioner of Human Services. This bill imposes an additional assessment of 25¢ per gallon of paint sold at retail in the State to provide funds for the Lead Poisoning Fund.

**LD 771      An Act to Expand Access to Financing for Health and Social Service Agencies      PUBLIC 179**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
HARRIMAN	OTP-AM	S-122

**SUMMARY**

This bill expands the jurisdiction of the Maine Health and Higher Education Facilities Authority to authorize it to finance a broader range of nonprofit health and social service projects.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-122) removes from the definition of "community health or social service facility" those facilities that only engage in ancillary activities supporting social service agencies. It removes from the definition those facilities that are subject to oversight by the State but are not licensed. It corrects one cross-reference in the bill. It adds a provision allowing the use of letters of credit, insurance contracts, surety bonds or similar financial undertakings in funding reserve funds within the Maine Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority.

**LD 775      An Act to Create a Transitional Pharmacy Benefit Program      DIED BETWEEN BODIES**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
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