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**STATE OF MAINE  
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**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

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ON  
BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

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***Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees  
June 1996***

We are pleased to provide this summary of bills that were considered by the 15 Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature staffed by this office. The document is a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill, committee amendments and other relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken on the bill. Also included are statistical summaries of bill activity this Session for the Legislature and each of its joint standing committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills handled by the joint standing committees. It is organized alphabetically by committees and within committees by bill (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed by paper number. Two indices, a subject index and a numerical index by LD number are provided for easy reference to bills. They are located at the back of the document. A separate publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, may also be helpful in providing information on the disposition of bills.

Final action on each bill is noted to the right of the bill title. The abbreviations used for various categories of final action are 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 finally passed 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>

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is July 4, 1996.

Sponsor(s)  
MICHAUDCommittee Report  
OTP-AMAmendments Adopted  
H-774  
S-460

LD 947 proposed to establish a Board of Denturists to replace the Board of Dental Examiners as the regulatory board that has jurisdiction over the licensing of denturists. The bill also proposed to eliminate the provision that requires that denturists practice under the supervision of a licensed dentist on the same premises and eliminates language establishing the liability of the supervising dentist for a denturist's actions.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-460)** proposed to completely remove the requirement that denturists practice under the supervision of dentists. It proposed to allow denturists to become licensed through experiential-based qualifications and examination until January 2001 or through the current education-based qualifications and examination. All denturists would be prohibited from practicing denturism on a patient without having first received a statement of oral health regarding that patient from a dentist.

The amendment proposed to require continuing education as a condition of relicensing.

**House Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (H-774)** proposed to remove the language in the Committee Amendment that allows a holder of a temporary denturist permit to practice outside of a dentist's office.

***Enacted law summary***

Public Law 1995, chapter 590 replaces the Board of Dental Examiners with the Board of Denturists as the regulatory board that has jurisdiction over denturists. It also eliminates the provision requiring that denturists practice under the supervision of a licensed dentist and eliminates language establishing the liability of the supervising dentist for a denturist's actions.

The law requires continuing education as a condition of relicensing. It allows denturists to become licensed through experiential-based qualifications and examination until January 2001 or through current education-based qualifications and examination.

All denturists are prohibited from practicing denturism on a patient without having first received a statement of oral health regarding that patient from a dentist.

Sponsor(s)  
AMEROCommittee Report  
ONTPAmendments Adopted

The Statement of Fact for LD 1148 indicates that it proposed to make the following changes to the laws governing social workers:

1. It would have clarified the qualifications and requirements of initial licensure and renewal of licensure at the various levels specified by law;