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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:

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| <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 & 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&S XXX</i> | <i>Chapter # of enacted Private & 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 969 An Act to Ensure the Continuation of Current Hospice Services

PUBLIC 486

| SPONSOR(S) | COMMITTEE REPORT | AMENDMENTS ADOPTED |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| DORE | OTP-AM | H-649 S-379 HANLEY |

SUMMARY

This bill provides that a currently licensed nursing facility that offers inpatient hospice services is eligible for continued licensure as a hospice if certain conditions are met.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-649) replaces the bill. It extends from January 1, 1996 to July 1, 1996 the time period for Clover Hospice to become Medicare-certified. It requires all hospice programs except volunteer hospice programs to become Medicare-certified and meet Medicare requirements. It requires the Department of Human Services to adopt rules for the operation of inpatient hospice programs and principles of reimbursement under Medicaid for inpatient hospice services within 60 days of the effective date of this amendment. The department shall reimburse for inpatient hospice services effective 30 days after adoption of the rules. From the effective date of the amendment until June 30, 1996 the rules and principles must provide reimbursement for the inpatient hospice program known as Clover Hospice if it meets the requirements of Medicare except the requirements of percentage of services provided on an in-home basis. Beginning July 1, 1996 all Medicare requirements must be met and the programs must be Medicare-certified.

The amendment also adds an appropriation section and a fiscal note to the bill.

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-652) to the committee amendment clarifies that reimbursement is under the Medicaid program.

LD 971 An Act to Require Special Care Program Disclosure by Entities Providing Alzheimer Care

PUBLIC 205

| SPONSOR(S) | COMMITTEE REPORT | AMENDMENTS ADOPTED |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| LIBBY JL | OTP-AM | H-255 |

SUMMARY

This bill requires an entity offering to provide an Alzheimer special care program, such as a nursing home, a boarding care facility, an adult day care facility or a hospice program, to disclose to the Department of Human Services a special form of care or treatment offered in order to protect consumers of those programs.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-255) clarifies the limitations on access to areas outside of Alzheimer's special care program areas. It expands the type of entities meeting the definition of offering Alzheimer's programs. It provides for disclosure of information to guardians or other responsible parties. It adds to the information that must be disclosed a description of security measures. It also adds a fiscal note.

LD 974 An Act to Create an Advisory Board and State and Local Interagency Teams to Assist in the Provision of Care for Children and Adolescents with Severe Emotional Disturbance

CARRIED OVER

| SPONSOR(S) | COMMITTEE REPORT | AMENDMENTS ADOPTED |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| FITZPATRICK | | |

SUMMARY

This bill requires that a program of integrated case management and services be provided for children and adolescents with severe emotional disturbance. It establishes the State Interagency Team and several local interagency teams to direct and facilitate the delivery of the integrated services. The Commissioner of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, the Commissioner of Education, the Commissioner of Corrections and the Commissioner of Human Services are directed, as members of the Interdepartmental Council, to cooperate in the delivery of integrated services, and an advisory committee for the council is created.

This bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session.

LD 977 An Act to Remove Outdated and Duplicative Provisions from the Statute Governing the Office of Substance Abuse PUBLIC 165

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
STEVENS A OTP

SUMMARY

This bill abolishes the Substance Abuse Advisory Group, which was superseded by the Substance Abuse Services Commission. See Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 20065.

LD 1001 Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study Certain Provisions Regarding Medicaid and Aid to Families with Dependent Children during Catastrophic Illness and Economic Hardship ONTP

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
TUTTLE ONTP

SUMMARY

This resolve establishes the Commission to Study Certain Provisions Regarding Medicaid and Aid to Families with Dependent Children during Certain Catastrophic Illness and Economic Hardship. The commission shall examine the current needs and assets criteria for recipients of Medicaid and Aid to Families with Dependent Children to determine if changes or improvements are needed to provide for working families during catastrophic illness or economic hardship.

LD 1037 Resolve, to Establish a Comprehensive Study on the Effects of Maine's Middle Age Population on the Maine Economy and Health Facilities ONTP

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
JOYNER ONTP

SUMMARY

This resolve establishes the Commission to Study the Effects of Maine's Aging Population.