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ON
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**ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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**Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
August 1997**

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. These bill summaries also are available at the Law and Legislative Reference Library and on the Internet (www.state.me.us/legis/opla).

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:

- CARRIED OVER*.....*Bill carried over to Second Regular Session*
- CON RES XXX*.....*Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses*
- CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE*.....*Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died*
- DIED BETWEEN BODIES*.....*House & Senate disagree; bill died*
- DIED IN CONCURRENCE*.....*One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill*
- DIED ON ADJOURNMENT*.....*Action incomplete when session ended; bill died*
- EMERGENCY*.....*Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days*
- FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE*.....*Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote*
- FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE*.....*Bill failed to get majority vote*
- FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT*.....*Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote*
- INDEF PP*.....*Bill Indefinitely Postponed*
- ONTP*.....*Ought Not To Pass report accepted*
- OTP ND*.....*Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft*
- OTP ND/NT*.....*Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title*
- P&S XXX*.....*Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law*
- PUBLIC XXX*.....*Chapter # of enacted Public Law*
- RESOLVE XXX*.....*Chapter # of finally passed Resolve*
- UNSIGNED*.....*Bill held by Governor*
- VETO SUSTAINED*.....*Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto*

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is June 26, 1997 and September 19, 1997 for the First Special Session.

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LD 1153**An Act to Require that Day Care Facilities for Children and Infants Be Smoke Free****PUBLIC 150**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GERRY MILLS	OTP MAJ ONTP MIN	

LD 1153 proposed to extend the prohibition on smoking in homes used as day care homes to prohibit smoking in rooms adjacent to those in which children are being cared for.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 150 comprises the provisions of the bill. It prohibits smoking in private homes used as day care homes in rooms that are adjacent to rooms used for day care.

LD 1176**An Act to Provide Continuity and Flexibility for Long-term Care****PUBLIC 488**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BENNETT GAGNE	OTP-AM	S-233

LD 1176 proposed to provide for a uniform system of reimbursement for long-term care, based on the relative severity of a patient's needs and to allow a facility to obtain a single license to provide both nursing home care and residential care and to provide that a licensed nursing home may also provide residential care under its preexisting license.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-233) proposed to replace the bill. It would require the Commissioner of Human Services to adopt rules to provide a single license to facilities providing nursing home and assisted living services and provide coordinated life safety code inspection.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 488 comprises the provisions of the Committee Amendment. It provides the option of single licensure for nursing homes providing assisted living services and coordinated life safety code inspection and licensing inspection.