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**STATE OF MAINE
118TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AND
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**BILL SUMMARIES
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ON
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

JULY 1997

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**ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR AND FIRST SPECIAL SESSIONS**

**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 1369**An Act Concerning Due Process Regarding Certified Nursing Assistants**

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<u>Sponsor(s)</u> BAKER C		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1369 proposed to require the Department of Human Services to adopt rules providing certain due process rights to a certified nursing assistant confronted with specific documented findings of abuse, neglect or misappropriation of property under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 1812-G.

See also LD 1046, Resolves 1997, chapter 29, establishing the Task Force on Registration for In-home Personal Care and Support Workers.

LD 1380**An Act to Clarify and Facilitate Transfers of Health Care Facility Capacity**

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MURRAY		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1380 proposed to amend the certificate of need laws as they apply to nursing facilities, freeing from review changes in bed number among different facilities under unified control.

LD 1381**Resolve, to Require a Study of Training in Sudden Infant Death Syndrome**

RESOLVE 33

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> KILKELLY MITCHELL J		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-154
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LD 1381 proposed to require a training course in sudden infant death syndrome as part of the Maine Fire Training and Education Program as a basic training requirement for law enforcement officers and as part of the minimum licensing and relicensing requirements for emergency medical services persons.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-154) proposed to replace the bill. It would direct the Commissioner of Public Safety to convene a study group to examine issues related to training in sudden infant death syndrome and require a report and any recommended legislation to be submitted to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by December 1, 1997.

Enacted law summary

Resolves 1997, chapter 33 comprises the provisions of the Committee Amendment. It provides for the Commissioner of Public Safety to convene a study group on training in sudden infant death syndrome with a report to the Health and Human Services Committee by December 1, 1997.