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**STATE OF MAINE
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AND
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**BILL SUMMARIES
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ON
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

JULY 1997

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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:

<i>CARRIED OVER</i>	<i>Bill carried over to Second Regular 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 IN CONCURRENCE</i>	<i>One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill</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/FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</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>OTP ND</i>	<i>Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft</i>
<i>OTP ND/NT</i>	<i>Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title</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 finally passed Resolve</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i>	<i>Bill held by Governor</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 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 1887

An Act Regarding Health and the Prevention of Smoking

**VETO
SUSTAINED**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP MAJ	H-723 MITCHELL J S-412 PARADIS

LD 1887, which is the report of the majority of the committee, would have required the Department of Human Services to apply for approval to expand Medicaid coverage to children whose family income is up to 200% of the federal poverty level and to apply for a waiver to provide coverage for the elderly in a Medicaid prescription drug program to elderly whose income is up to 150%. It would have appropriated funds for the children's Medicaid coverage and funds for the elderly Medicaid prescription drug program. It would have added 2 children's advocates to the Medicaid Advisory Committee. It would have established the Tobacco Prevention and Control Program to provide an antismoking campaign specially targeted to youth through community-based education programs and increased law enforcement efforts against illegal transportation, distribution and sale of cigarettes and tobacco products. It would have established the Tobacco Prevention and Control Council to provide review and advice to the Department of Human Services, Bureau of Health. It would have appropriated \$10,000,000 per fiscal year to this campaign. It would have raised cigarette taxes 18.5 mills per cigarette, which translates into 37 cents per pack. It would have dedicated revenue and allocated funds for expenditures.

See also LD 1888 and Governor King's bill, LD 1898. See also LD 1904, Public Law 1977, chapter 560.

LD 1888

An Act to Decrease Smoking Among Maine Youth, Young Adults and Adults

**DIED ON
ADJOURNMENT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP MIN	

LD 1888, which is the report of the minority of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services, proposed to establish the Smoking Prevention Program within the Department of Human Services to provide a comprehensive antismoking campaign that includes education and media campaigns and increased enforcement of tobacco control laws. The maximum amount to be expended on the program in a year would have been \$1,500,000. It would have established the Smoking Prevention Fund to receive funds from a voluntary income tax check-off, private funds and grants and matching funds appropriated by the Legislature of up to \$500,000 per year. It would have provided start-up funds of \$250,000 from the General Fund. It would have dedicated revenue and allocated funds for expenditures and included a fiscal note. LD 1887, the majority report of the committee was enacted by the Legislature, later vetoed by the Governor.

See also LD 1887 and Governor King's bill LD 1896. See also LD 1904, Public Law 1997, chapter 560.