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BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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**Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees  
May 1998**

We are pleased to provide this summary of bills that were considered by the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature. The document is a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill and relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken. 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 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](http://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:

*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 Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is June 30, 1998 and July 9, 1998 for the Second Special Session. Second Special Session laws include Public Laws beginning with Chapter 718, Private and Special Laws beginning with Chapter 82 and Resolves beginning with Chapter 117.

LD 1914 proposed to allow a juvenile to transport tobacco products in a motor vehicle if this transportation is in the scope of the juvenile's employment or at the request of the juvenile's parent or legal guardian. The bill parallels current law with respect to the transportation of liquor by a juvenile.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-781)** proposed to delete the provisions in the bill on legalizing transportation of tobacco products by a minor at the request of the minor's parent, legal guardian or custodian. It proposed to require that tobacco products transported by a minor in the course of employment be in the original packaging.

*Enacted law summary*

Public Law 1997, chapter 578 comprises the provisions of the bill and Committee Amendment "A". The law allows a juvenile to transport tobacco products in a motor vehicle if this transportation is in the scope of the juvenile's employment. It requires that tobacco products transported by a minor in the course of employment be in the original packaging.

**LD 1966**                      **An Act Regarding the Spousal Allowance for Divorced Spouses of Nursing Home Care Recipients Receiving Medicaid**                      **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CATHCART HATCH	ONTP	

LD 1966 would have provided that income that is required to pay court-ordered alimony or spousal support may not be considered available for purposes of Medicaid eligibility for institutional care.

**LD 1971**                      **An Act to Provide Representation for Chiropractors on the Board of the Maine Health Data Organization**                      **PUBLIC 568**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KANE PENDLETON P	OTP-AM	H-780

LD 1971 proposed to place a chiropractor on the Board of the Maine Health Data Organization.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-780)** proposed to add one employer member selected from a list submitted by a health management coalition in this State to the Board of Directors of the Maine Health Data Organization. The amendment proposed to add a fiscal note.

*Enacted law summary*

Public Law 1997, chapter 568 comprises the provisions of the bill and Committee Amendment "A". It adds a chiropractor member to the board of the Maine Health Data Organization. It also adds one employer member selected from a list submitted by a health management coalition in this State.