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STATE OF MAINE  
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SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
AND  
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION

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.

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| <u>Sponsor(s)</u><br>POULIN | <u>Committee Report</u><br>OTP-AM | <u>Amendments Adopted</u><br>H-878<br>S-721 MICHAUD |
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LD 1975 proposed to direct the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to propose appropriate methods of providing support and assistance to persons with eating disorders and to their families.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-878)** proposed to replace the resolve. It proposed to establish the Commission on Eating Disorders, a 19-member commission charged with reporting to the joint standing committee having jurisdiction over health and human services matters by January 1, 1999. It proposed to add a fiscal note and appropriate funds for reimbursements and per diems for legislative members.

**Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-721)** proposed to provide funding for the cost of printing the report of the Commission on Eating Disorders and more accurately reflect per diem and expense costs.

***Enacted law summary***

Resolve 1997, chapter 118 comprises the provisions of Committee Amendment "A" and Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A". It establishes the Commission on Eating Disorders and requires the commission to report to the Health and Human Services Committee by January 1, 1999 on ways to provide education, prevention services and support to persons with eating disorders and their families. The resolve takes effect 4/13/98.

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| <u>Sponsor(s)</u><br>AHEARNE | <u>Committee Report</u><br>OTP | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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LD 1991 proposed to amend provisions relating to the responsibilities of the State Planning Office and the Land and Water Resources Council. It proposed to repeal the requirement that the Commissioner of Human Services consult with the State Planning Office before authorizing the transport of water for commercial purposes. It also proposed to repeal an outdated provision of law that defines the responsibilities of the Land and Water Resources Council.

***Enacted law summary***

Public Law 1997, chapter 587 comprises the provisions of the bill. It enacts provisions relating to the responsibilities of the State Planning Office and the Land and Water Resources Council. It repeals the requirement that the Commissioner of Human Services consult with the State Planning Office before authorizing the transport of water for commercial purposes. It also repeals an outdated provision of law that defines the responsibilities of the Land and Water Resources Council.