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**STATE OF MAINE
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ON
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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
July 2000

We are pleased to provide this summary of bills that were considered by the Joint Standing and Select Committees of the Maine Legislature this past session. 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 and select committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the 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).

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
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY..... Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died
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 August 11, 2000.

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17. The amendment proposed to require the Department of Human Services, considering input from the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services and its providers, to undertake aging in place pilot projects.
18. The amendment proposed to require the Department of Human Services, considering input from the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services and its providers, to undertake pilot projects that provide vouchers or flexible funding for long-term care services. It proposed to appropriate \$50,000 for this purpose.
19. The amendment proposed to require the Department of Human Services to review its rules on reimbursement for long-term care services and report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters by January 1, 2001 its recommendations for including in the reimbursement formulas a factor for acuity of consumer condition and level of need for services.
20. The amendment proposed to establish the Long-term Care Implementation Committee to monitor the progress of state departments and offices in implementing the legislation.

The total cost of these provisions would be \$15,224,000 in General Fund money.

21. The amendment proposed to add an appropriation section, allocation section and fiscal note to the bill.

See Public Law 1999, chapter 731, Part BBBB.

LD 114

An Act Regarding Medicaid Managed Care Ombudsman Services

PUBLIC 681

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-978
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LD 114 proposed to implement the recommendations of the Task Force to Study the Need for an Ombudsman for the Department of Human Services and the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services relating to the Department of Human Services.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-978) proposed to replace the bill. It proposed to require the Department of Human Services to contract for ombudsman services, with a nonprofit organization other than the health benefits advisor, for the Medicaid managed care population provided that non-General Fund money is used for the state seed to pay for the services. The amendment also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 681 requires the Department of Human Services to contract for ombudsman services, with a nonprofit organization other than the health benefits advisor, for the Medicaid managed care population provided that non-General Fund money is used for the state seed to pay for the services.