

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE  
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**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

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**ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE**  
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**Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing and Select Committees**  
**August 1999**

We are pleased to provide this summary of all 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](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:

*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  
*ENACTMENT FAILED*..... Bill failed to get vote required for enactment or final passage  
*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 First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is September 18, 1999.

**LD 845**

**Resolve, Directing the Department of Human Services to Study Methods to Increase Access to Health Care for Low-income Maine People**

**RESOLVE 29**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KANE MITCHELL B	OTP-AM	H-265

LD 845 proposed to create the MaineCare program to provide medical assistance to needy Maine individuals with incomes under 125% of the federal poverty level.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-265)** proposed to replace the bill with a resolve, and require the Department of Human Services to study methods by which to provide health coverage to adults with incomes below 125% of the federal poverty level.

*Enacted law summary*

Resolve 1999, chapter 29 requires the Department of Human Services to study methods by which to provide health coverage to adults with incomes below 125% of the federal poverty level.

**LD 867**

**Resolve, to Amend the Requirements for Alcohol and Drug Treatment Programs**

**RESOLVE 22**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RAND	OTP-AM	S-88

LD 867 proposed to require the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to adopt rules regarding alcohol and drug treatment program staffing and personnel.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-88)** proposed to require the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to adopt rules by November 1, 1999 regarding alcohol and drug treatment programs to allow program staffing and supervision by personnel professionally qualified and experienced in alcohol and drug abuse treatment and to eliminate the requirement that personnel be qualified as one particular type of alcohol and drug abuse professional.

*Enacted law summary*

Resolve 1999, chapter 22 requires the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to adopt rules by November 1, 1999 regarding alcohol and drug treatment programs to allow program staffing and supervision by personnel professionally qualified and experienced in alcohol and drug abuse treatment and to eliminate the requirement that personnel be qualified as one particular type of alcohol and drug abuse professional.