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ON
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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).

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 991 **An Act to Require Coverage for Services Performed by Certified Nurse Practitioners and Certified Nurse Midwives to Patients Referred by Primary Care Providers** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> GOLDTHWAIT	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 991 proposed to require that nonprofit hospital and medical service organizations, health insurers and health maintenance organizations provide coverage for services performed by certified nurse practitioners or certified nurse midwives to patients who are referred by a primary care provider.

The substantive provisions of LD 991 were incorporated into Public Law 1999, chapter 396 (LD 857).

LD 992 **An Act to Establish Parity for Patients of Certified Nurse Practitioners and Certified Nurse Midwives** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> PENDLETON CAMERON	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 992 proposed to require a health insurer or health maintenance organization that provides coverage for the services performed by any certified nurse practitioner and any certified nurse midwife working under the supervision of a physician to also provide coverage for those same services when performed by any certified nurse practitioner or any certified nurse midwife not working under the supervision of a physician, assuming those services are within the scope of practice of the certified nurse practitioner or certified nurse midwife.

See related bill LD 857.

LD 1000 **An Act to Provide Insurance Parity for Substance Abuse Treatment** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> DAGGETT	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1000 proposes to require that all individual and group health insurance contracts provide coverage for substance abuse treatment under the same terms and conditions as coverage for physical conditions and illnesses. The bill would have applied to all policies and contracts issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2000.

LD 1000 has been carried over to the Second Regular Session.

LD 1060 **An Act to Allow Credit Card Users to Purchase Payment Insurance** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MACKINNON	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1060 proposed to eliminate the restriction on credit card companies of having to charge at least \$30 per month in order to provide consumers credit life, accident or health insurance coverage. The bill also proposed to allow a consumer to opt for a waiting period of 30 days or more when purchasing credit life, accident or health insurance coverage as part of a credit sale or supervised loan.

LD 1092 **An Act to Eliminate Discrimination in Accident Insurance Coverage** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SIROIS	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

LD 1092 proposed to prohibit insurers from lowering coverage limits for accident insurance for insureds 70 years of age or older.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-188) was the minority report of the committee and proposed to replace the bill. It proposed to prohibit insurers from lowering coverage limits for accident insurance only policies on the basis of age. The amendment also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill. Committee Amendment "A" was not adopted.

LD 1097 **An Act to Regulate Motor Vehicle Insurance Rates** **ONTP**

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

LD 1097 proposed to prohibit insurers from increasing the premium or imposing a surcharge on a motor vehicle insurance policy unless the named insured or another person operating a motor vehicle insured under the policy is involved in two or more accidents resulting in either personal injury or property damage in excess of \$500.