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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
ONT P.....	Ought Not To Pass report accepted
OT P ND.....	Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft
OT P 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.

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LD 1807 proposes to require the Department of Human Services to review the case mix assessment tool and reimbursement rate for residential care facilities to ensure access and quality care for persons with Alzheimer's disease or other types of dementia.

This bill has been carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.

LD 1809

An Act to Increase Access to Cub Care for Children

PUBLIC 522

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KANE	OTP-AM MAJ	H-595
LONGLEY	ONTP MIN	S-437 MICHAUD

LD 1809 proposed to raise the maximum eligibility level of the Cub Care program to 200% of the federal poverty line. This bill also proposed to establish a drug rebate program within the Cub Care program similar to the elderly low-cost drug program.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-595) proposed to model the Cub Care drug rebate program after the Medicaid drug program to allow a broader spectrum of pharmaceuticals to be covered.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-437) proposed to make clear that the rebate in the Cub Care program is to be modeled after the rebate in the Medicaid program, except that the supplemental 6% rebate required by the Maine Medicaid program does not apply to the Cub Care program. It proposed to replace Committee Amendment "A".

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 522 establishes a drug rebate program within the Cub Care program modeled after the Medicaid drug rebate program, except that the supplemental 6% rebate required by the Maine Medicaid program does not apply to the Cub Care program.

LD 1812

Resolve, to Require the Development of a Basic Needs Budget

RESOLVE 62

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COWGER	OTP-AM	H-450
		S-397 MICHAUD

LD 1812 proposed to require the Department of Human Services, Division of Purchased and Support Services, in connection with its current duty to monitor the poverty level in the State, to compile and publish an annual basic needs budget for a single parent with 2 children that includes basic expenses and a calculation of the income needed to meet this basic needs budget.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-450) proposed to replace the bill with a resolve. It proposed to direct the Executive Department, State Planning Office to develop a basic needs budget in cooperation with the Department of Human Services. The amendment also proposed to add an appropriation.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-397) proposed to remove the proposed appropriation to the State Planning Office.