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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 2230**An Act to Promote Community Mental Health Services****VETO
SUSTAINED**

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

LD 2230 proposed to require grants made by the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to be for the purposes of providing Medicaid services or other purposes stated in the application and contract, as budgeted. It proposed to require rulemaking to implement the provision.

LD 2242**An Act to Protect Medicaid Recipients and Providers from Unintended Consequences of the Noncompliance of the Department of Human Services with Year 2000 Readiness****ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 2242 was a concept bill draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. The bill proposed to seek to protect Medicaid recipients and providers from unintended consequences of the noncompliance of the Department of Human Services with Year 2000 readiness in the following ways.

1. It proposed to provide additional independent consultants to assist the Department of Human Services in achieving Year 2000 compliance and correct any problems caused by noncompliance.
2. It proposed to establish an interest-free loan program administered by the Finance Authority of Maine to provide temporary funding to Medicaid providers, including nonprofit providers that are prohibited from retaining reserve funds to meet their obligations, in an amount equal to payments due to those providers that are delayed due to Year 2000 problems.

SP 403**Commission to Assess the Health Care Delivery System for the Elderly****CARRIED OVER**

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

SP 403 proposes to establish the Commission to Assess the Health Care Delivery System to gather information, review programs for the elderly and review eligibility and income guidelines.

This joint order was carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.