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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
May 2002

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing select committees of the Maine Legislature this past session.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is arranged alphabetically by committee name and within committees by bill (LD) number.

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
PASSED..... Joint Order passed in both bodies
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 July 25, 2002.

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## Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services

### *Enacted law summary*

Public Law 2001, chapter 598 provides that a person who is otherwise eligible to receive food assistance under the federal Food Stamp Act of 1977 or to receive Temporary Assistance for Needy Families may not be denied assistance because the person has been convicted of a drug-related felony. Federal law denies assistance to such a person unless a state legislature enacts legislation exempting its citizens from this prohibition.

**LD 2195**

**An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission to Study Assisted Living**

**PUBLIC 596**

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

LD 2195 proposed to repeal the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, chapter 1665 on assisted living programs and reenact it as chapter 1664. It proposed to change the name of the chapter to Assisted Housing Programs, dividing the programs into independent housing with services, assisted living and residential care facilities. It proposed to update the definitions of "activities of daily living" and "instrumental activities of daily living." It proposed to change the law on fire safety for residential care and assisted living. It proposed to update the chapter to reflect the 3 categories of assisted housing programs. This bill proposed to provide for an effective date of October 1, 2002 and for the continuation of rules applicable to assisted living programs and services until new rules are adopted by the Department of Human Services.

### *Enacted law summary*

Public Law 2001, chapter 596 repeals the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, chapter 1665 on assisted living programs and reenacts it as chapter 1664. It changes the name of the chapter to Assisted Housing Programs, dividing the programs into independent housing with services, assisted living and residential care facilities. It updates the definitions of "activities of daily living" and "instrumental activities of daily living." It changes the law on fire safety for residential care and assisted living. It updates the chapter to reflect the 3 categories of assisted housing programs. It provides an effective date of October 1, 2002 and provides for the continuation of rules applicable to assisted living programs and services until new rules are adopted by the Department of Human Services.

**HP 1671**

**JOINT ORDER, Relative to the Task Force to Study the Creation of a Registry of Personal Care Attendants**

**DIED BETWEEN BODIES**

Sponsor(s)  
DUDLEY

Committee Report  
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted

HP 1671 proposed to establish a Task Force to Study the Creation of a Registry of Personal Care Attendants. The task force would have consisted of 9 persons and would have assessed the need for a registry of personal care attendants who work with persons with mental retardation.