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*Bill Summaries*

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**Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees**  
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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 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 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*  
*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*  
*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 21, 2001**.

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## Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services

**LD 1182**                      **Resolve, to Direct the Department of Human Services to Establish Guidelines Governing Procedures for Giving Injections**                      **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> TRACY	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1182 proposed to direct the Department of Human Services to establish guidelines for giving injections and for the use of rubber gloves.

**LD 1187**                      **Resolve, to Provide Access to Personal Care Assistant Home Care Services**                      **DIED ON ADJOURNMENT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SAVAGE W	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM    MAJ ONTP        MIN	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-509
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LD 1187 proposed to direct the Department of Human Services to adopt rules to amend its method of reimbursement for personal care assistant home care programs to provide an average cost of services.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-509)** is the majority report of the committee. It proposed to remove the requirement of an inflation adjustment in the cost-based reimbursement for personal care assistant home care programs. The amendment proposed to require the Commissioner of Human Services to review reimbursement for all personal care assistant services in home care programs when conducting the review required of reimbursement rates for consumer-directed personal care assistant home care services. It proposed to add an appropriation section, allocation section and a fiscal note to the resolve.

**LD 1188**                      **An Act to Provide for the Withdrawal of a Municipality from Hospital Administrative District No. 1 in Penobscot County**                      **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> BUNKER CATHCART	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1188 proposed to require Hospital Administrative District No. 1 to pay its bonds, notes and indebtedness in the order that they were incurred and to establish for each bond, note or other indebtedness the municipalities that were members of the district at the time the bond, note or other indebtedness was incurred. This bill proposed to allow a municipality to withdraw from the hospital administrative district and, in the event the district was required to issue an assessment for the levy of taxes, hold the municipality responsible for bonds, notes or other indebtedness incurred while the municipality was a member of the district. LD 1188 would apply only to Hospital Administrative District No. 1.