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*Bill Summaries*

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**Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees**  
**August 2001**

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 1625

**Resolve, to Establish the Task Force to Examine Health Care Delivery Systems Within the State**

ONTP

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

LD 1625 proposed to establish the Task Force to Examine Health Care Delivery Systems within the State. The task force would be required to submit a report and any necessary implementing legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 120th Legislature and the chairs of the task force would be required to report the findings of the task force to a joint session of the 120th Legislature no later than January 15, 2002.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-519)**, the minority report of the committee, proposed to reduce the duties of the Task Force to Examine Health Care Delivery Systems within the State to an examination of duplication and waste and reduction of paperwork. The amendment also proposed to add an appropriation section and a fiscal note to the resolve.

**LD 1641**

**Resolve, to Require Increased Reimbursement for Hospice Care Under the Medicaid Program**

INDEF PP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COLWELL MICHAUD MH	OTP-AM	H-590

LD 1641 proposed to direct the Department of Human Services to adopt routine technical rules to amend its state plan to provide Medicaid reimbursement for hospice care based on the actual cost of providing the care, which the department would calculate annually by using cost report data to determine the average per diem rate.

This resolve also proposed to require the Department of Human Services to conduct an annual cost benefit analysis of these rule changes and report the results of the analysis to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-590)** proposed to amend the resolve by requiring the Medicaid reimbursement rate for routine home care under the hospice program be set at the Medicare rate plus 23% beginning October 1, 2001. The amendment also proposed to add an appropriation, an allocation and a fiscal note.

See also LD 802.

See the Part I Budget, LD 300, Public Law 358, Part LL, effective June 4, 2001.