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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

**LD 1947**

**Resolve, to Establish a Demonstration Project to Review Requirements Imposed on Agencies Contracting with the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services**

**RESOLVE 92**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
NASS	OTP-AM	H-909

LD 1947 proposed to require the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to develop a methodology for reimbursing providers of services for any new state or federal rule, regulation or contract requirement that increases the cost of providing current services.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-909)** proposed to replace the language in the resolve. It proposed to require the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to undertake a demonstration project to review increased costs to contracting agencies necessitated by changes dictated by the department, to develop strategies for achieving savings within those agencies, to review existing requirements in order to identify costs that may be minimized and to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters by January 15, 2003. The amendment also proposed to add a fiscal note.

### *Enacted law summary*

Resolve 2001, chapter 92 requires the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to undertake a demonstration project to review increased costs to contracting agencies necessitated by changes dictated by the department, to develop strategies for achieving savings within those agencies, to review existing requirements in order to identify costs that may be minimized and to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters by January 15, 2003.

**LD 1949**

**An Act to Clarify Roles and Positions within the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services**

**PUBLIC 493**

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

LD 1949 proposed to clarify the reporting structure for regional directors and eliminate a position no longer existing within the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services.

### *Enacted law summary*

Public Law 2001, chapter 493 clarifies the reporting structure for regional directors and eliminates a position no longer existing within the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services.