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Bill Summaries

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Summary of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing 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 arranged alphabetically by committee name 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/billsumm.htm).

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
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 (Pocket Veto).....	Bill held by Governor
VETO SUSTAINED.....	Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Please note that the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is August 23, 2006.

Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services

LD 1973

**Resolve, To Improve Quality and Access to Mental Health Care
Through the Development of a Joint Strategic Plan**

RESOLVE 192

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> ROSEN R PINGREE	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-569
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LD 1973 proposed to require Maine’s 4 mental health hospitals to jointly develop a comprehensive strategic plan for the provision of hospital-based mental health services.

Committee Amendment “A” (S-569) proposed to add 3 steps to the strategic planning process and authorize the participants to request the assistance of the Office of Fiscal and Program Review. It proposed to require reporting to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters on the 2nd draft plan by January 15, 2007 and the final draft plan by March 15, 2007.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 2005, chapter 192 requires Maine’s 4 mental health hospitals to jointly develop a comprehensive strategic plan for the provision of hospital-based mental health services.

The development of the plan is required to include 3 steps in the strategic planning process, each step gradually more inclusive. Assistance may be requested from the Office of Fiscal and Program Review. The resolve requires reporting to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters on the 2nd draft plan by January 15, 2007 and the final draft plan by March 15, 2007.

LD 1976

**Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 120:
Release of Data to the Public, a Major Substantive Rule of the
Maine Health Data Organization**

**RESOLVE 166
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1976 proposed to provide for legislative review of portions of Chapter 120: Release of Data to the Public, a major substantive rule of the Maine Health Data Organization related to the release of health care practitioner data.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 2005, chapter 166 authorizes final adoption of portions of Chapter 120: Release of Data to the Public, a major substantive rule of the Maine Health Data Organization related to the release of health care practitioner data.

Resolve 2005, chapter 166 was enacted as an emergency with an effective date of April 4, 2006.