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*Bill Summaries*

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Health and Human Services*

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### 122nd Maine Legislature Second Regular Session

#### 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](http://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 2011                      Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 113: Regulations Governing the Licensing and Functioning of Assisted Housing Programs: Level III Residential Care Facilities, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services                      RESOLVE 157 EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 2011 proposed to provide for legislative review of portions of Chapter 113: Regulations Governing the Licensing and Functioning of Assisted Housing Programs: Level III Residential Care Facilities, a major substantive rule of the Department of Health and Human Services.

***Enacted law summary***

Resolve 2005, chapter 157 provides for legislative review of portions of Chapter 113: Regulations Governing the Licensing and Functioning of Assisted Housing Programs: Level III Residential Care Facilities, a major substantive rule of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Resolve 2005, chapter 157 was passed as an emergency measure effective March 30, 2006.

**LD 2022                      An Act To Implement Recommendations of the Study Commission Regarding Livable Wages Concerning Subsidized Child Care                      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 2022, a recommendation of the Study Commission Regarding Livable Wages, proposed to direct the Department of Health and Human Services to annually report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services on the department's efforts toward meeting a goal of ensuring that at least 70% of eligible children have access to child care subsidies.

**LD 2062                      Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter III, Section 50: Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services                      RESOLVE 196 EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 2062 proposed to provide for legislative review of portions of Chapter III, Section 50: Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded, a major substantive rule of the Department of Health and Human Services.

*Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services*

***Enacted law summary***

Resolve 2005, chapter 196 provides for legislative review of portions of Chapter III, Section 50: Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded, a major substantive rule of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Resolve 2005, chapter 196 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 19, 2006.

**LD 2064**                      **Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 33: Home Day Care Provider Rules, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services**                      **RESOLVE 195 EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 2064 proposed to provide for legislative review of portions of Chapter 33: Home Day Care Provider Rules, a major substantive rule of the Department of Health and Human Services.

***Enacted law summary***

Resolve 2005, chapter 195 provides for legislative review of portions of Chapter 33: Home Day Care Provider Rules, a major substantive rule of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Resolve 2005, chapter 195 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 19, 2006.

**LD 2094**                      **An Act To Address Eating Disorders in Maine**                      **DIED ON ADJOURNMENT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-900 PINGREE
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LD 2094 was submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. The bill proposed to provide funding of \$138,000 for an eating disorders initiative to provide education and assistance to Maine residents suffering from eating disorders. The bill proposed to require the Department of Health and Human Services to submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters by May 1, 2007.

**House Amendment “A” (H-900)** proposed to make a technical correction to the name of the program account for the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention.