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878 AN ACT CONCERNING THE OPERATION Trafton PL 1983, c. 197
AFTER SUSPENSION LAW, THE HABITUAL
OFFENDER LAW AND ADMISSION OF
IDENTITY BY THE DEFENDANT

SUMMARY: Adds provisions to the operating after suspension law and the habitual offender law to permit the prosecution to use statements by the defendant or on his license, to establish the defendant's identity without need of further proof of corpus delicti, that is that this defendant is the same person who previously had his license suspended or drove in violation of the motor vehicle laws so that he can now be charged with operating after suspension or being a habitual offender.

889 AN ACT TO AMEND THE PROCEDURE FOR Soule PL 1983, c. 191
ASSESSING SURVEYING COSTS IN COURT
CASES

SUMMARY: In 1909 Maine enacted legislation allowing the court to assess surveying fees against the county in certain disputes concerning boundary lines between private parties. This law repeals that provision, leaving the parties to the action responsible for surveying costs.

890 AN ACT RELATING TO BAIL COM- Connolly PL 1983, c. 429
MISSIONERS

SUMMARY: Requires a law enforcement officer to promptly notify a bail commissioner or judge whenever anyone is arrested for a bailable offense and requires a bail commissioner to specify, when applicable, in writing why release on personal recognizance or uninsured bond is not appropriate.

905 AN ACT TO AMEND THE PROBATE FEES Soule PL 1983, c. 262

SUMMARY: Raises the probate fees for filing a will, a joint petition for guardianship and conservatorship, a petition for adoption and a petition for change of name. It also adds a probate fee of \$5 for filing any formal proceeding currently not provided for. The new fees should more adequately reflect the cost of filing these papers.

906 AN ACT TO AMEND THE REPORTING RE- Soule PL 1983, c. 343
QUIREMENTS IN CASES OF DEATH DUE
TO ABUSE OR NEGLECT

SUMMARY: This law was requested by the Attorney General's office to resolve conflicting laws concerning reporting requirements in cases of death due to abuse or neglect. A committee amendment added language requested by the representative of the Christian Scientists. The amendment clarified the definition of child abuse and adult abuse to exclude bona fide treatment by spiritual means by an accredited practitioner of a recognized religious organization.