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1184 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH VEHICULAR MAN- Paradis PL 1983, c. 217
SLAUGHTER AS A CLASS B OFFENSE UNDER
THE CRIMINAL CODE

SUMMARY: Raises the penalty for vehicular manslaughter from a Class C offense to a Class B offense. (Manslaughter not committed with a motor vehicle remains a Class A crime as it is in current law). Possible imprisonment for vehicular manslaughter then is raised from no more than 5 years to no more than 10 years and the possible fine is raised from no more than \$10,000 to no more than \$20,000.

1202 AN ACT TO IMPROVE REMEDIES FOR SUB- Gauvreau PL 1983, c. 398
STANDARD HOUSING

SUMMARY: Requires that eviction notices be mailed if they cannot be served personally.

1203 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE MAINE NA- Mitchell, J. LV/WD
TURAL DEATH ACT

SUMMARY: Sought to establish a procedure for an adult to use to execute a directive providing that life-sustaining procedures should be withheld or withdrawn if that person became terminally ill and those procedures would serve only to prolong the moment of death. The Committee proposed studying this subject, but the study did not receive approval.

1237 AN ACT TO AMEND THE HABITUAL OFFEN- Hobbins PL 1983, c. 503
DER LAW

SUMMARY: Permits a person whose license has been revoked because he is an habitual offender, unless his habitual offender status is based on an adjudication or conviction requiring the mandatory suspension or revocation of a license, to be granted a work-restricted license during the revocation period.

1306 AN ACT CONCERNING CONFIDENTIALITY Connolly PL 1983, c. 319
OF INFORMATION

SUMMARY: Extends existing laws on privileged communications to cover not only social workers, drug abuse counselors and alcoholism counselors, but also sexual assault counselors. This privilege of confidentiality does not apply to communications between a sexual assault counselor and a victim when sharing those communications is necessary for reporting, investigating, and testifying in situations where the victim is a child who has been sexually abused.