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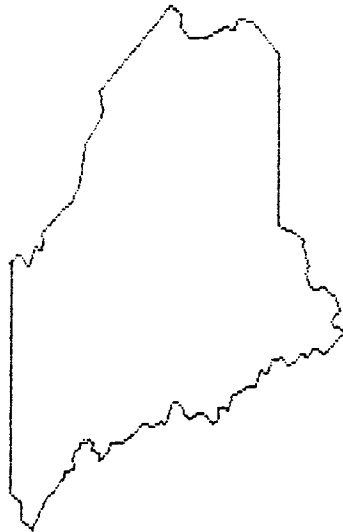


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1744 AN ACT TO FACILITATE THE SEARCH Benoit Comte, new draft  
FOR BIOLOGICAL RELATIVES OF not accepted  
ADOPTEES (new draft LD  
704)

**SUMMARY:** This committee report, a new draft of LD 704, attempted to facilitate an adoptee's search for his or her biological relatives. It would have provided for an active search by the Department of Human Services or private agency for adoptees over the age of 21 or for the biological parents of an adoptee over the age of 21. It would have raised the age of requests for mutual contact (passive search) to age 21 and included biological siblings in the passive search. The new draft was not accepted and the ONTP report for LD 704 was accepted in both houses.

1749 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR SWIFTER Davis PL 1983, c. 505  
DISPOSITION OF DRUNK DRIVING (new draft LD  
CASES 1068)

**SUMMARY:** Provides that the license of any person shall be suspended by the Secretary of State for operating or attempting to operate a motor vehicle while the person has an excessive blood-alcohol level, i.e., a blood-alcohol level of .10% or more. The administrative determination is based upon a report submitted to the Secretary of State by the law enforcement officer who arrested or summonsed the person. That report must include blood-alcohol test results. If the officer did not analyze the test then the authorized person who did must provide the Secretary of State with the results. With a blood-alcohol test showing .10% or more blood-alcohol level the Secretary of State must suspend the license. Provision is made for the suspended person to request a hearing on the administrative determination, and for the Secretary of State, upon petition, to grant a work-restricted license. If the person is adjudicated or convicted of that same drunk driving violation, the suspension ordered by the court will run concurrently with the suspension by the Secretary of State.