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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the First Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number and indexed separately by committee.

LD: 813 AN ACT RELATING TO NIGHT COURT SESSIONS  
FOR SMALL CLAIMS COURT

KANY  
MARTIN J  
KANE

OTP-AM HOUSE Enacted  
SENATE Enacted  
GOV SIGNED

PUBLIC  
CH # 368

S-163 CA MAJ REP H S  
H-299 HA/CA PARADIS P H S

SUMMARY:

Provides another year of testing of the use of night sessions of Small Claims Court by removing the current July 1, 1985 sunset on these provisions and replacing it with a November 1, 1986 sunset. Each District Court must be available at least one hour, one evening each month, or one hour on a Saturday each month, to hear small claims actions.

LD: 814 AN ACT RELATING TO PROSTITUTION

GILL  
CARPENTER  
STETSON

LU-WD HOUSE Accepted Committee Report  
SENATE Accepted Committee Report  
GOV

SUMMARY:

Sought to include in the crime of prostitution offering to engage in digital contact with the patron's sex organs in return for a pecuniary benefit. Current law refers to the crime of prostitution including sexual intercourse or a sexual act, but not sexual contact.

LD: 815 AN ACT RELATING TO THEFT OFFENSES

GILL  
MACOMBER  
CARPENTER  
LEBOWITZ

OTP-AM HOUSE Enacted  
SENATE Enacted  
GOV SIGNED

PUBLIC  
CH # 239

S-82 CA H S

SUMMARY:

Adds prior convictions for burglary with the intent to commit theft and robbery, a crime in which theft or attempted theft is always an element, to those already listed in the Maine Criminal Code to be used in classifying new theft charges as Class C. This change is in keeping