

### STATE OF MAINE

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# JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON

# LEGAL AFFAIRS

### BILL SUMMARY



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> JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE BILL SUMMARIES MAY 1986

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All Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor if it is a floor amendment or the designation "CA" if it is a committee amendment. If the amendment was adopted in the House, the letter H appears after the sponsor. If it was adopted in the Senate, the letter S appears. . . . .

Final action for each bill is listed to the right of the title. If final House action and Senate action differ, both are listed.

Key to Committee Reports and Floor Action:

OTP	Ought to Pass
OTP-ND	Ought to Pass in New Draft
OTP-ND-NT	Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
OTP-AM	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

LDAN ACT TO FURTHER COMPETITION WITH NEWND LD 161517HAMPSHIRE IN THE LIQUOR TRADEND LD 2281

Sponsor: ROLDE Committee Report: OTP-ND-NT, ONTP

SUMMARY: The Committee reported out a new draft (LD 1615) during the First Regular Session which was enacted by the Legislature but held by the Governor. The new draft was recommitted to Committee in January, and another new draft (LD 2281) was reported out.

See new draft, LD 2281.

 LD
 AN ACT TO AMEND THE MOTOR VEHICLE LAWS WITH
 LVWD

 904
 REFERENCE TO OPERATING UNDER THE INFLUENCE TO
 DECRIMINALIZE PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE TRAFFIC

 INFRACTION LAWS
 Sponsor:
 STETSON

 Committee Report:
 LVWD

<u>SUMMARY:</u> This bill was submitted in response to the Supreme Judicial Court of Maine decision in <u>State v</u>. <u>Freeman</u> which struck down the civil operating under the influence provisions as unconstitutional. This proposal reinstates a civil OUI offense by requiring the police officer to determine whether or not arresting the driver at the scene is appropriate. The bill was carried-over from the First Regular Session for redrafting.

The new draft reinstates a civil OUI offense, allowing the first offender to choose, in certain situations, to have a criminal trial on the criminal OUI offense, or a civil trial on a lesser civil offense.

The Committee chose to not amend the OUI laws again, believing that the current system is working well enough that no changes are absolutely necessary.

LD RESOLVE, AUTHORIZING COLWELL CONSTRUCTION 1467 COMPANY, INCORPORATED, TO BRING A CIVIL ACTION AGAINST THE STATE OF MAINE INDEF PP

Sponsor: BUSTIN, Hickey Committee Report: OTP-AM, ONTP

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