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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON

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BILL SUMMARY



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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE BILL SUMMARIES JULY 1985

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: 1034 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE DISSEMINATION OF OBSCENE MATERIAL

SCARPINO MATTHEWS Z VOSE LANDER

LU-WD

HOUSE Accepted Committee Report SENATE Accepted Committee Report

GOV

SUMMARY:

Sought to create a state law, modeled after a Portland ordinance declared to be unconstitutional by the Superior Court but recently held to be constitutional by a 4-2 decision of the Supreme Judicial Court, making the wholesale promotion or possession of any obscene material or any obscene device an offense.

LD:

1035 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PLEA OF INNOCENT BY REASON OF INSANITY

CLARK H RIDLEY PAUL SOUCY

LV-WD

HOUSE Accepted Committee Report SENATE Accepted Committee Report GOV

SUMMARY:

Sought to eliminate the insanity defense from the Maine Criminal Code and to establish the verdict of guilty but suffering from mental disease or defect. A person found guilty but suffering from mental disease or defect would have been sentenced and would also have been committed to an institution for the mentally ill or retarded. If the person's commitment was terminated before his sentence had run, he would have been returned to a correctional facility to serve out the remainder of his sentence or placed under the custody of the Department of Corrections which could have placed him on probation for the remainder of his sentence. Similar to LDs 278 and 1331.