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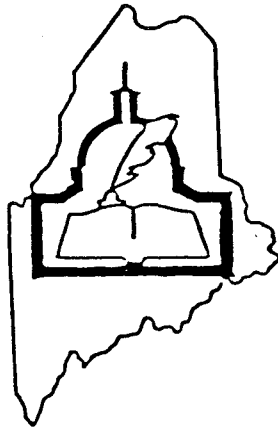
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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
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BILL SUMMARY



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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: 1115 AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE RETRACTION OF DEFAMATORY  
STATEMENTS

PRIEST  
STETSON  
MAYBURY  
TRAFTON

OTP-AM HOUSE Enacted  
SENATE Enacted  
GOV SIGNED

PUBLIC  
CH # 290

H-202 CA H S

SUMMARY:

Provides that, once a libel has been proved in court, the defendant may argue that the amount of damages should be reduced because the plaintiff failed to notify the defendant of the libel in a timely fashion, and therefore the defendant was unable to lessen damage to the plaintiff's reputation.

LD: 1145 AN ACT TO PROTECT WORKS OF ART

CHALMERS  
NELSON  
BUSTIN  
MELENDY

OTP-AM HOUSE Enacted  
SENATE Enacted  
GOV

PUBLIC  
CH # 382

S-245 CA H S

SUMMARY:

Provides an artist with a right of action for legal and injunctive relief for the public display or publication, without the artist's consent, of a work of fine art in an altered, defaced, mutilated, or modified form. The artist has the right to ask a court to order that the artist's name appear in connection with the work, or that the artist's name not appear with the work. The personal representative (e.g., an heir) of the artist may bring the court action for the relief provided here.

LD: 1146 AN ACT RELATING TO LOITERING ON PUBLIC  
SIDEWALKS

DOW  
DAVIS

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

SUMMARY:

Sought to prohibit loitering on a public sidewalk by making such activity a Class E crime.