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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

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LD: 1218 AN ACT TO AMEND THE MEDICAL EXAMINER ACT AND

RELATED PROVISIONS

PAUL RIDLEY GWADOSKY TRAFTON

CARRY OVER

HOUSE Other SENATE Other GOV

SUMMARY:

The medical examiner system has two functions: 1) to rule out criminal and civil concerns in the cause of death, and 2) to complete the documentation of the fact and cause of death for the State. This seeks to modernize the structure of the medical examiner's office and, in some respects, to broaden the medical examiner's powers.

LD: 1219

AN ACT TO MODIFY WAIVER OF GROUNDS FOR RELIEF IN POST-CONVICTION REVIEW

PARADIS P THERIAULT BOUTILIER

LU-WD

HOUSE Accepted Committee Report SENATE Accepted Committee Report GOV

SUMMARY:

Sought to modify the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 15, section 2128, to address how and to what extent alleged incompetency of counsel claims arising out of counsel's performance either on appeal to the Law Court or in a post-conviction review proceeding or its statutory precursor, are to be cognizable in a subsequent post-conviction review proceeding.

LD:

AN ACT RELATING TO CHILD ABUSE CONVICTION REFORM

STEVENS A COTE BERUBE

LU--WD

1237

HOUSE Accepted Committee Report SENATE Accepted Committee Report GOV

SUMMARY:

Sought to provide that any person convicted of a crime involving abuse of a child would lose custody of the child for a period of at least one year.