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### STATE OF MAINE

## ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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:

1404

AN ACT TO MAKE PUBLIC THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF OVERSEERS OF THE BAR

DAVIS DIAMOND G PERKINS MARTTN J

CARRY OVER

HOUSE Ref'd to Committee SENATE Ref'd to Committee GOV

SUMMARY:

Seeks to require any hearing conducted by the Board of Bar Overseers on charges of attorney misconduct to be open to the public.

LD:

AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN SEX CRIMES UNDER THE 1408

CHALMERS GILL

MAINE CRIMINAL CODE

OTP-AM

HOUSE Enacted PUBLIC CH # 414

SENATE Enacted

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#### SUMMARY:

Clarifies the meaning of the so-called "voluntary social companion" defense, which reduces the penalty for the crimes of rape and gross sexual misconduct. This makes it clear that the defense is available both when the victim voluntarily allows the defendant sexual contact, the defendant thus being the actor, and when the victim voluntarily performs a sexual contact upon the defendant, the victim thus being the actor.

Also amends the "voluntary intoxication" defense to a prosecution for gross sexual misconduct to make the defense unavailable in the instance where the actor, for example, a doctor or dentist, administers or employs the substance under circumstances where the person who voluntarily acquiesces possesses a reasonable belief that this is for the purpose of medical or dental examination or treatment.

LD:

AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO TELEPHONE TOLL

CARPENTER

RECORDS BY PROSECUTORS

OTP-AM

1437

HOUSE Enacted SENATE Enacted SIGNED

PUBLIC CH.# 393

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