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> JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE BILL SUMMARIES MAY 1986

This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

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

LD AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE APPLICABILITY OF THE PL 1985 2142 MAINE TORT CLAIMS ACT AND TO LIMIT THE C. 599 PERSONAL LIABILITY OF GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY EMPLOYEES

Sponsor: MANNING, Allen, Paradis, P., Chalmers Committee Report: New Draft of LD 1820.

<u>SUMMARY:</u> LD 2142 clarifies and confirms the applicability of the statute of limitations and limitations on damages provided by the Maine Tort Claims Act to all actions brought against governmental employees. These provisions are retroactively effective to the date on which the Maine Tort Claims Act became effective.

LD 2142 also extends to municipal and county employees the same limits on personal liability that exist for state employees. Finally, the bill requires the State and political subdivisions to insure its employees, either by self-insurance or by the purchase of insurance, against personal liability to a \$10,000 limit under the terms and conditions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 14, section 8103.

LDAN ACT TO BETTER PROTECT ADULTS AND ABUSEDLVWD2156CHILDREN RESIDING IN ADULT AND CHILD CARE
FACILITIESFACILITIES

Sponsor: NELSON, Bustin, Melendy, Kimball Committee Report: LVWD

<u>SUMMARY:</u> This bill sought to allow out-of-court statements to be admitted into evidence in Administrative Court proceedings related to allegations of abuse or neglect in licensed adult and child care facilities. The bill was withdrawn pending a report of a Department of Human Services study of abuse in these facilities.

LD	AN ACT TO ELIMINATE	EXEMPTIONS FROM	JURY PI	1985
2158	SERVICE		C	608

Sponsor: KANE, Carpenter, Chalmers, Cooper Committee Report: New Draft of LD 1932.

<u>SUMMARY:</u> This bill eliminates exemptions from jury service for the following: clerks and assistant clerks of courts, the Secretary and Treasurer of State, all officers of the United States, judges of probate, and counselors.

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