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BILL SUMMARY



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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE BILL SUMMARIES JUNE 1987

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All Adopted 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 "COMMITTEE" if it is a committee amendment.

Final action for each bill is listed to the right of the title. If final House action and Senate action differ, both are listed.

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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-A	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP ,	Indefinitely Postponed

AN ACT MAKING IT A CLASS C CRIME TO CAUSE
SERIOUS BODILY INJURY WHILE OPERATING UNDER THE
INFLUENCE

Sponsor: HUSSEY, JR., Pray, Gould, R.A.

Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: Under current law, there is a difference in proofs between the felony charges of vehicular manslaughter (Title 17-A, section 203, subsection 3) and reckless conduct with a deadly weapon, i.e., an automobile (Title 17-A, section 211). This bill would enhance an operating under the influence charge from a Class D crime to a Class C crime if any person suffers serious bodily injury that is in fact a result of a violation of the OUI law.

LD RESOLVE, AUTHORIZING SHARON TRAFTON DUTHIE TO 638 BRING SUIT AGAINST THE STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE 1987

LVWD

Sponsor: STROUT, D., Hussey, Thistle, Pearson Committee Report: OTP-A (Majority)
ONTP (Minority)

Amendments Adopted: H-210 COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: Sharon Trafton Duthie's car was stolen by an escapee from the Charleston Correctional Center. The State Police, in pursuit of the car, damaged the car in a roadblock. The damages to the car amounted to \$786.58. The Duthies submitted a claim for the damages to the Department of Public Safety, which denied liability. Although the Department of Corrections never officially received a claim, it denied liability also. Because of the confusion and delay involving 2 departments, the Majority voted to reimburse the Duthies for the damages.

LD AN ACT TO REQUIRE CANDIDATES TO IDENTIFY PARTY LVWD 649 AFFILIATION ON ALL ADVERTISEMENTS

Sponsor: SHELTRA, Racine Committee Report: LVWD

<u>SUMMARY:</u> This bill would require candidates to identify their political party on any advertisements the candidates circulate.