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**BILL SUMMARIES
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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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AUGUST 1991**

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. The volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries.

All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H - 584 or S - 222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

PUBLIC XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
P&S XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
RESOLVE XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
CON RES XXX	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
EMERGENCY	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
CARRIED OVER	<i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	<i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
ONTP	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
LVWD	<i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>
INDEF PP	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
VETO SUSTAINED	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
UNSIGNED	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	<i>Action incomplete when 1st session ended</i>

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including secretaries: Charlene Raymond and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

LD 55 **An Act to Ensure That Young Adults Are Treated as Adults for Failing to Appear for Hearings Held in Connection with Juvenile Crimes** **ONTP**

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MELENDY ONTP

SUMMARY

The bill would have made failure to appear in court by the defendant in the prosecution of a juvenile crime a Class E crime if the defendant is at least 18 years old at the time the hearing was to be held. The bill would have required the defendant to be tried as an adult on the failure to appear charge.

LD 57 **An Act to Limit the Liability of Sponsors of Equine Activities** **LV/WD**

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
TARDY LV/WD
TITCOMB
PINES
THERIAULT

SUMMARY

The bill would have limited the liability of equine activity sponsors and equine professionals for injuries or death to participants in equine activities.

LD 58 **An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Parental Rights and Responsibilities in Domestic Relations Matters** **ONTP**

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
DIPIETRO ONTP
GILL

SUMMARY

The bill would have required that, unless it is not in the best interest of the children involved, the court must award shared parental rights and responsibilities or parental rights and responsibilities consistent with a written agreement of the parties.

LD 67 **An Act to Change the Age for Gross Sexual Assault** **LV/WD**

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
TOWNSEND LV/WD

SUMMARY

The bill would have raised the age from 14 to 16 for a charge of gross sexual assault.