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AND
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**BILL SUMMARIES
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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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BILL SUMMARIES
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 38 **An Act to Permit Certain Retailers to Conduct Games of Chance** **PUBLIC 22**

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
TWITCHELL OTP

SUMMARY

This bill repeals the law prohibiting gas stations from conducting contests and games of chance.

LD 42 **An Act to Strengthen the Operating-under-the-influence Laws** **PUBLIC 51
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
PARADIS P OTP
VOSE

SUMMARY

This bill repeals the provision of the operating-under-the-influence laws that provides that ignorance of the effects of a lawfully used prescription drug is an affirmative defense.

LD 62 **An Act to Remove Residency Restrictions from the Office of Registrar of Voters (By Request)** **ONTP**

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
MARSH ONTP

SUMMARY

This bill would have removed the requirement that the registrar of voters be a resident of the municipality in which the registrar serves. A similar provision was included in LD 1053.

LD 70 **An Act to Authorize Trained Police Officers to Take Blood Samples in Operating-under-the-influence Cases** **LV/WD**

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
MERRILL LV/WD

SUMMARY

This bill would have allowed law enforcement officers certified by the Department of Human Services to administer blood tests to persons accused of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

LD 71 **An Act Relating to Political Action Committees Organized Outside of the State (Reported by the Commission to Study Public Financing of State Elections Pursuant to Resolve 1989, chapter 59)** **ONTP**

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
ONTP

SUMMARY

This bill would have required that political action committees not organized in this State be treated the