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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:

<b>PUBLIC XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<b>P&amp;S XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<b>RESOLVE XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<b>CON RES XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<b>EMERGENCY</b>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<b>CARRIED OVER</b>	<i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>
<b>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</b>	<i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<b>ONTP</b>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<b>LVWD</b>	<i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>
<b>INDEF PP</b>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<b>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</b>	<i>House &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<b>VETO SUSTAINED</b>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
<b>UNSIGNED</b>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<b>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</b>	<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 102      An Act to Dispense with Final Hearings in Uncontested Divorces or Modifications to Decrees      LV/WD**

SPONSOR(S)                      COMMITTEE REPORT                      AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
RICHARDS                      LV/WD  
HANLEY

**SUMMARY**

The bill would have provided that a final hearing in an uncontested divorce case need not be held if the parties stipulate child support in an amount that substantially complies with the child support guidelines.

**LD 105      An Act to Include the Testator's Birth Date in Statutory Living Wills      PUBLIC 191 EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)                      COMMITTEE REPORT                      AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
STEVENS P                      OTP-AM                      H-186  
COTE  
MACBRIDE  
GAUVREAU

**SUMMARY**

The bill amended the sample form in the Living Wills statute to include a space for the declarant's date of birth for identification purposes.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-186) corrects a data base error and allows declarants to use either their date of birth or their social security number, or both, on the living will form.

**LD 125      An Act to Expand the Duties of the Maine Human Rights Commission      LV/WD**

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

**SUMMARY**

The bill would have given the Maine Human Rights Commission jurisdiction to prosecute certain crimes committed by employers against employees.

**LD 160      An Act to Amend the Penalty Provisions for Theft of Motor Vehicles      LV/WD**

SPONSOR(S)                      COMMITTEE REPORT                      AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
O'DEA                      LV/WD  
PARADIS P

**SUMMARY**

The bill would have classified motor vehicle thefts as Class B and Class C crimes, based on the value of the motor vehicle.