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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
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 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.