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**STATE OF MAINE
115TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES
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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
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 143 An Act to Preserve the Integrity of the Maine State Lottery

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SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MCCORMICK	OTP-AM MAJ	S-187 MAJ REP
FARNSWORTH	ONTP MIN	S-443 BRANNIGAN
BUSTIN		
NORTON		

SUMMARY

This bill prohibits any person other than a state employee from conducting operations of the lotteries.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-187) provides that certain lottery operations may be conducted by persons hired under private contract, rather than by state employees. The list includes those services that are currently being provided under private contracts. The amendment also clarifies that the prohibition against contracting with private organizations to conduct lottery operations applies to all lotteries in which the State is involved, but does not affect multistate lottery contracts over which the State does not have sole authority.

Senate Amendment "B" (S-443) amends the fiscal note.

LD 144 Resolve, Authorizing Robert L. Gray to Bring a Civil Action against the State **ONTP**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
GOULD R R	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This resolve would have authorized Robert L. Gray to sue the State for damages resulting from allegedly erroneous claims of child abuse. The maximum authorized recovery was \$50,000.

LD 147 Resolve, Authorizing Paul Wiegleb to Bring a Civil Action against the State **ONTP**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MAYO	ONTP	
SKOGLUND		
HOLLOWAY		

SUMMARY

This resolve would have authorized Paul Wiegleb to sue the State for damages suffered when Margaret Davidson of Rockland, while a patient at the Augusta Mental Health Institute in Augusta, took her own life. It is alleged that state employees were negligent in performing their duties by not properly safeguarding her. The maximum authorized recovery was \$75,000.