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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:

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| 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> |

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

LD 273 An Act Regarding the Collection of Fines

PUBLIC 27

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| SPONSOR(S) | COMMITTEE REPORT | AMENDMENTS ADOPTED |
| GAUVREAU | OTP | |

SUMMARY

The bill designates the clerk of courts as the receiver of fines collected by a probation officer.

LD 277 An Act to Prohibit Drinking in Motor Vehicles

LV/WD

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| SPONSOR(S) | COMMITTEE REPORT | AMENDMENTS ADOPTED |
| BRANNIGAN RICHARDSON | LV/WD | |

SUMMARY

The bill would have criminalized drinking liquor in a motor vehicle.

LD 285 An Act to Amend the Domestic Relations Law

PUBLIC 164

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| SPONSOR(S) | COMMITTEE REPORT | AMENDMENTS ADOPTED |
| CATHCART STEVENS P GAUVREAU HOLLOWAY | OTP-AM | H-171 |

SUMMARY

The bill adds domestic violence to the factors a court must consider in determining the best interest of a child in awarding parental rights and responsibilities in the context of divorce.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-171) replaces the bill and adds the existence of a history of family violence to the factors the court must consider when determining parental rights and responsibilities in all domestic relations cases.

LD 287 An Act to Amend the Law Concerning the Court Appointed Special Advocate Advisory Panel

PUBLIC 55

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| SPONSOR(S) | COMMITTEE REPORT | AMENDMENTS ADOPTED |
| PARADIS P | OTP | |

SUMMARY

The bill provides more flexibility in the composition of the Court Appointed Special Advocate Advisory Panel, and makes it similar to the Court Mediation Committee.