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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 273 An Act Regarding the Collection of Fines**

**PUBLIC 27**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
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**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
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**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
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**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
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.