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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 292

**An Act to Increase Public Awareness of the Availability of Living Wills**

PUBLIC 199

SPONSOR(S)  
FARNSWORTH  
STEVENS P  
PFEIFFER  
HASTINGS

COMMITTEE REPORT  
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
H-226

**SUMMARY**

The bill requires that a living will form be distributed to any person who is issued a license or permit to operate a motor vehicle or a motorcycle or a resident hunting license or permit.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-226) replaces the bill and directs the Secretary of State, subject to funding, to make living will forms available to the public at offices of the Division of Motor Vehicles.

LD 298

**An Act Regarding District Court Location**

CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S)  
OTT

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

**SUMMARY**

The bill would transfer Kennebunk and Kennebunkport to the District Court of Southern York County.

LD 299

**An Act Regarding the Filing of a Uniform Traffic Ticket and Complaint by Law Enforcement Officers**

PUBLIC 56

SPONSOR(S)  
FARNSWORTH

COMMITTEE REPORT  
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
H-56

**SUMMARY**

The bill requires a law enforcement officer to file a Uniform Traffic Ticket and Complaint within 72 hours to assist in the collection of fines.

Committee Amendment "A" gives officers up to 5 days to file. It also adds a fiscal note.

LD 301

**An Act to Promote the Emotional Health of Children During Periods of Stress**

DIED BETWEEN BODIES

SPONSOR(S)  
ANTHONY  
DORE  
STEVENS P  
RICHARDS

COMMITTEE REPORT  
OTP-AM MAJ  
ONTP MIN

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
H-407 MAJ REP

**SUMMARY**

The bill would have given the Supreme Judicial Court the authority to require parties with minor children to attend an educational program prior to the contested hearing concerning parental rights and responsibilities and support and maintenance.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-407) (Majority report) replaced the bill. It would have added an emergency, provided more specifics about the program, and repealed the program in 1993.