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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:

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 639 An Act Concerning Disclosure of the Names of Criminal Suspects (By Request) ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
COLES JACQUES	ONTP	

SUMMARY

The bill would have protected criminal suspects who are actually innocent by prohibiting law enforcement officers and agencies from releasing the identity until the person is arrested or a warrant has been issued.

LD 644 An Act to Require Convicted Felons to Contribute to the Cost of Rehabilitation Programs PUBLIC 355

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
ANTHONY BUSTIN FARNSWORTH PENDLETON	OTP-AM	H-359

SUMMARY

The bill requires all fines and penalties for crimes to be credited to the Department of Corrections to be used for rehabilitation programs. It also doubles the maximum fines for Class crimes, and requires the court to assess a fine against every convicted defendant.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-359) amends the bill to strike out all the changes except the doubling of maximum fines. It requires the Commissioner of Corrections to provide rehabilitation programs within available resources.

LD 660 An Act Concerning Liability for Damage to Property as a Result of Shoplifting LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
DIPIETRO	LV/WD	

SUMMARY

The bill would have provided a civil action for the recovery of damages against those who shoplift.

LD 666 An Act Regarding Release of Joint Tort-feasors LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MARSANO CONLEY GAUVREAU STEVENS P	LV/WD	

SUMMARY

The bill would have amended the current law regarding release of joint tort-feasors to clear up an ambiguity and to make the terminology consistent with the comparative negligence law.