

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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115TH LEGISLATURE**

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AND  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

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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.

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more than once. It requires the court to enter an order making permanent plans for the child and releasing the department from further reunification efforts when 2 placements with the same parent have failed and the child is returned to the custody of the department.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-174) places the requirement that the court make a final protection order within 18 months of the preliminary protection order in a more appropriate section of the Maine Revised Statutes than did the bill and permits that time period to be extended for good cause. It adds a provision permitting the parent to demonstrate that the court should order reunification more than once.

**LD 878      An Act to Clarify the Confidentiality of Public Employee  
Disciplinary Records**

**PUBLIC 229**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
BUSTIN VOSE GRAY GREENLAW	OTP-AM	S-114

**SUMMARY**

The bill clarifies the confidentiality laws in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 7070 to ensure that accusations of misconduct levied by a public employer against an employee are not disclosed to the public unless the charges are upheld by a neutral arbitrator or the employee does not appeal the disciplinary action through procedures generally provided in collective bargaining agreements.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-114) clarifies the definition of "final written decision" to be dependent on whether the action is appealed pursuant to a grievance procedure, including being appealed to a neutral arbitrator.

**LD 884      An Act to Protect Access to Medicare, Medicaid and Social  
Security Benefits and Maintain Insurance Premiums**

**LV/WD**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
VOSE TREAT STEVENS P LAWRENCE	LV/WD	

**SUMMARY**

The bill would have repealed the collateral source provisions enacted in the Second Regular Session of the 114th Legislature, which reduced the amount of a jury award to the victim of medical negligence by any collateral source payment the victim received from another source, such as an employer or health insurance carrier.