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**STATE OF MAINE
115TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES
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ON
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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES
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> |

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 1396 An Act to Establish the Maine Correctional Institution -
Warren**

CARRIED OVER

| SPONSOR(S) | COMMITTEE REPORT | AMENDMENTS ADOPTED |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| GILL BUSTIN MELENDY NORTON | | |

SUMMARY

In 1986, the voters approved a bond for the construction of a maximum security facility in Warren, Maine. Construction has begun and the facility is expected to be ready in 1992. This bill establishes in statute the Maine Correctional Institution -- Warren as a separate administrative entity. Because of collective bargaining agreements, doing so (rather than running it as part of the Maine State Prison) affects how guards are hired and assigned at the new facility. The bill is being carried over the Second Regular Session to allow the Department of Corrections to negotiate with its unions.

**LD 1422 An Act to Allow the Part-time Chaplain's Position at the
Maine State Prison to Be a Job-sharing Position**

**PUBLIC 74
EMERGENCY**

| SPONSOR(S) | COMMITTEE REPORT | AMENDMENTS ADOPTED |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| MELENDY LARRIVEE MCKEEN MAYO | | H-116 MELENDY |

SUMMARY

This bill was enacted without reference to committee. It allows the part-time chaplain's position at the Maine State Prison to be shared.

LD 1447 An Act Transferring County Jail Operations to the State

CARRIED OVER

| SPONSOR(S) | COMMITTEE REPORT | AMENDMENTS ADOPTED |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| MARTIN J KETOVER BERUBE JOSEPH | | |

SUMMARY

This bill transfers jurisdiction over county jails, including their facilities, debts and obligations, from the counties to the Department of Corrections. The bill has been carried over to the Second Regular Session.