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BILL SUMMARIES**

**JULY 1993**

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.

The committee report or reports, the prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor in each house if one has been designated are listed below each bill title. 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:

<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>P&amp;S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>CARRIED OVER</i>	<i>Bill carried over to Second Session</i>
<i>ONTP</i>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<i>ENACTMENT FAILED</i>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i>	<i>House &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference formed but unable to agree</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</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.

If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

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**LD 89**      **An Act to Clarify the Standard for Punitive Damages in Negligence Cases**      ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**      **COMMITTEE REPORT**      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
COTE      ONTP

**SUMMARY**

The bill would have allowed the award of punitive damages when the conduct of the defendant rises to the level of gross negligence.

**LD 98**      **An Act to Modify the Law Concerning Public Indecency**      ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**      **COMMITTEE REPORT**      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
FARNUM      ONTP

**SUMMARY**

The bill would have made public indecency a Class D crime when a minor is involved.

**LD 106**      **An Act to Provide for Adequate Bail Conditions for High-risk Offenders**      ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**      **COMMITTEE REPORT**      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
NASH      ONTP

**SUMMARY**

The bill would have amended the Maine Bail Code to add provisions designed to ensure that professional criminals and other high-risk offenders will not be able to post bail under an assumed identity, post bail derived from criminal activities or engage in other practices designed to avoid appearance for trial.

**LD 116**      **An Act to Amend the Maine Health Security Act**      CARRIED OVER

**SPONSOR(S)**      **COMMITTEE REPORT**      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
MICHAUD

**SUMMARY**

The bill amends the Maine Health Security Act to make the following changes.

1. The bill repeals the entire subchapter on the medical malpractice prelitigation screening panels on October 31, 1994.
2. The bill requires the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters to study and report by February 1, 1994 on whether medical malpractice screening panels have met the Legislature's original objective. The committee may report out a bill regarding medical malpractice screening panels during the Second Regular Session of the 116th Legislature.