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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
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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House Amendment "C" (H-151) would have required that a person declare his or her sexual orientation either upon application for a driver's license or upon registration to vote in order to be eligible for relief under the Human Rights Act. The declaration must have been made at least 1 year before the initiation of a complaint under the Act.

House Amendment "D" (H-152) is the same as Senate Amendment "A". Not adopted.

House Amendment "E" (H-153) is the same as Senate Amendment "B". Not adopted.

House Amendment "F" (H-159) would have provided that the protections under the bill do not apply to nongovernmental entities that provide recreational or civic services to minors, such as the Boy Scouts of America. Not adopted.

House Amendment "G" (H-160) is the same as Senate Amendment "B". Not adopted.

House Amendment "H" (H-161) would have provided that the protections afforded by the bill do not extend to nongovernmental employers of household employees. Not adopted.

House Amendment "I" (H-162) would have provided that the protections afforded by the bill do not extend to an owner of a housing accommodation, one unit of which is occupied by the owner. Not adopted.

**LD 260      An Act to Require the Use of Standardized Evidence Kits      PUBLIC 27**  
**for Cases of Gross Sexual Assault**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
PLOWMAN SUMMERS	OTP-AM	H-50

**SUMMARY**

The bill requires the use of a standardized kit for evidence collection in cases of gross sexual assault.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-50) adds a fiscal note.

**LD 261      An Act Protecting the Assets of Persons Accused of      ONTP**  
**Crimes as Needed to Hire Legal Counsel**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
HOLT CAREY	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

The bill would have protected legitimately acquired assets of persons accused of crimes from civil proceedings that might prevent an accused person from using assets needed to secure legal counsel for a criminal defense.