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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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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.

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&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & 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 & 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 447 **An Act to Amend the Maine Tort Claims Act** ONTP

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

SUMMARY

The bill would have increased the liability limit of the Maine Tort Claims Act of \$300,000 to \$1,000,000.

LD 450 **An Act to Expand Protection to Persons with Mental Illness and Mental Retardation** CARRIED OVER

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

SUMMARY

The bill prohibits sexual contact between persons who provide services to persons with mental illness and mental retardation and the people who are recipients of those services.

LD 453 **An Act to Continue Health Insurance Coverage for Spouses and Ex-spouses** ONTP

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

SUMMARY

The bill would have authorized courts to order the maintenance of health insurance coverage for spouses and ex-spouses in motions pending divorce and in divorces. It would have imposed a cap on the premium at the rate formerly charged to the spouse or ex-spouse.

LD 460 **An Act to Amend the Sex Offender Registration Act** PUBLIC 193

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
LARRIVEE OTP-AM H-263

SUMMARY

The bill repeals the provision in the Sex Offender Registration Act that requires a certificate of rehabilitation by a licensed counselor certified by the Forensic Evaluation Unit before a waiver of registration may occur, as there does not exist technology to determine whether an individual has been rehabilitated following a sex offense.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-263) corrects errors in the original Sex Offender Registration Act and makes changes regarding the waiver of the registration requirement.