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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES**

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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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Committee Amendment "A" (S-197) makes going to a location other than that permitted by the terms of the leave a Class D crime.

LD 769 **An Act to Clarify the Grounds for Civil Action for Child Sexual Abuse**

PUBLIC 176

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
TITCOMB	OTP	

SUMMARY

For purposes of civil actions alleging sexual acts toward minors, the bill defines "sexual intercourse" as that term is defined under the criminal incest laws.

LD 776 **An Act to Repeal Certain Provisions of the Maine Health Security Act**

CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MARTIN J		

SUMMARY

The bill repeals the provisions of the Maine Health Security Act that establish the prelitigation screening and mediation panels, structured awards and limitations on contingent fees.

LD 778 **An Act to Prevent Procurement of Controlled Substances through Fraud**

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
JOSEPH	ONTP	

SUMMARY

The bill would have amended the drug laws dealing with obtaining drugs by deception by adding the terms "misrepresentation," "fraud," "forgery" and "subterfuge" to the law.

LD 782 **An Act Regarding the Writing of Bad Checks**

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CLARK	ONTP	

SUMMARY

The bill would have expanded the theft crimes to include intentionally or knowingly writing a check on an account the writer knows is closed.