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STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
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BILL SUMMARY



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SUMMARY: Engrossed without reference. Involuntary admission of mentally retarded persons to a mental retardation facility is handled under current law by applying the procedures and standards used for involuntary admission of mentally ill persons. This bill sets up separate though similar, procedures for mentally retarded involuntary admissions. One change made is to eliminate the need for a judge to find a causal connection between the person's retardation and potential dangerousness before involuntary admission may be ordered. (In the case of a mentally ill person a causal connection must be found between the illness and potential dangerousness). According to the Statement of Fact, certified psychologists cannot and will not testify to the existence of such a connection in the case of retardation. Thus, the court, under this bill, must find that the person is retarded and that he is potentially dangerous, not that his retardation makes him so.

1760 AN ACT TO MAKE CORRECTIONS OF Trafton PL 1983, c. 480
 ERRORS AND INCONSISTENCIES IN (new draft LD
 THE LAW OF MAINE 1552)(emergency)

SUMMARY: The first errors bill.

1761 AN ACT TO DETER DRINKING AND Hayden PL 1983, c. 478
 DRIVING BY TEENAGERS (new draft LD
 1697)(emergency)

SUMMARY: Extends the concept of a provisional driver's license to apply to all individuals under the age of 20 with respect to alcohol-related offenses. The license is automatically suspended for driving while having a blood-alcohol level of 0.02% or more for licensees under 20 years of age.

1792 AN ACT TO MAKE ADDITIONAL CORREC- Trafton PL 1983, c. 530
 TIONS OF ERRORS AND INCONSISTEN- (emergency)
 CIES IN THE LAWS OF MAINE

SUMMARY: A second errors bill to make corrections which were submitted too late for the first errors bill.

1802 AN ACT TO MAKE CORRECTIONS OF Trafton PL 1983, c. 583
 ERRORS AND INCONSISTENCIES IN (emergency)
 THE LAWS OF MAINE

SUMMARY: A third errors bill, enacted in the special session, specifically designed to make technical, non-substantive changes in the Apportionment Plan. It also contains corrections to errors in legislation enacted at the end of the regular session.