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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
HUMAN RESOURCES  
BILL SUMMARY



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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the First Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number and indexed separately by committee.

The information provided by the department shall also be made available to rape crisis centers, family planning agencies and other organizations.

A minority report of the committee recommending ONTP was unsuccessful.

**LD: 1198** AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOL-RELATED BIRTH DEFECTS

BUSTIN  
GILL  
DIAMOND J  
MASTERMAN

OTP-AM            HOUSE Eng-as-Amended  
                  SENATE Adhered to Indef. P.P.  
                  GOV  
S-244    CA                            H        S

SUMMARY:

This bill requires state retail stores and special agency stores to display a sign warning the public of the dangers of alcohol consumption during pregnancy. In addition, the sign shows the state hot-line number where people may call for further information.

The committee amendment (S-244) made the following changes:

1. modified the language in the legislative findings;
2. amended the bill to make it clear that the warning signs are only required to be placed in special agency liquor stores and state liquor stores, i.e. only stores which sell hard liquor;
3. amended the section concerning placement of the signs to require that they be placed near the liquor display instead of near each cash register;
4. made the signs available on a voluntary basis for any interested parties;
5. provided for the distribution of signs to other licensees at the time their license is renewed or originally issued, but does not require that the sign be displayed. There is no penalty for failure to display the sign except for the special agency liquor stores which are required to display the sign.