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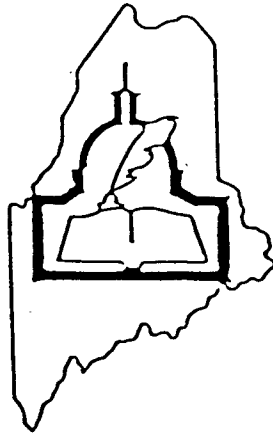
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged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

All Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor if it is a floor amendment or the designation "CA" if it is a committee amendment. If the amendment was adopted in the House, the letter H appears after the sponsor. If it was adopted in the Senate, the letter S appears.

Final action for each bill is listed to the right of the title. If final House action and Senate action differ, both are listed.

Key to Committee Reports and Floor Action:

OTP	Ought to Pass
OTP-ND	Ought to Pass in New Draft
OTP-ND-NT	Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
OTP-AM	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

standing authority to act in Superior Court on probate matters involving protection proceedings for adults and children.

The system of probate registers and offices that administratively serves the Probate Courts would have been retained without change, except that the registers and offices would have been state funded as opposed to county funded and would have been supervised by the Supreme Judicial Court and the Chief Justice of the Superior Court.

LD 1250 was withdrawn since its subject matter was addressed, though in a varied proposal, by LD 2119, the Family Court bill.

LD 1267 AN ACT CONCERNING COMPUTER FRAUD AND ABUSE LVWD

Sponsor: CHALMERS, Allen, Cooper, Drinkwater  
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill, carried over from the First Regular session, sought to make it clear that persons who exercise control over or knowingly possess writings which may be maintained in electronic storage devices, such as computer disks or other media, may be prosecuted for a form of theft by unauthorized use, a Class D crime. LD 1267 was withdrawn because of the State Police Study that will be done this summer (see LD 36).

LD 1329 AN ACT TO FACILITATE THE COLLECTION OF CHILD SUPPORT ND LD 2246

Sponsor: NAJARIAN, Cote, Melendy, Rolde  
Committee Report: OTP-ND

SUMMARY: See New Draft, LD 2246.

LD 1404 AN ACT TO MAKE PUBLIC THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF OVERSEERS OF THE BAR LVWD

Sponsor: DAVIS, Diamond, G., Perkins, Martin, J.  
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: LD 1404, carried over from the First Regular Session, sought to require any hearing conducted by the Board of Bar Overseers on charges of attorney misconduct to be open to the public. LD 1404 was withdrawn when the

Supreme Judicial Court adopted new rules governing disciplinary proceedings against attorneys. Under those rules, any proceeding that may result in any discipline against an attorney must be open to the public.

LD AN ACT TO AID THE VICTIMS OF CRIMES ND LD 2139  
1505

Sponsor: CLARK, N., McGowan  
Committee Report: OTP-ND-NT

SUMMARY: See New Draft, LD 2139.

LD AN ACT TO REVISE THE LAWS PERTAINING TO BAIL ND LD 2378  
1679 IN CRIMINAL CASES

Sponsor: CROWLEY, Murphy, T., Allen, Carpenter  
Committee Report: OTP-ND-NT

SUMMARY: See New Draft, LD 2378.

LD AN ACT RELATING TO THE TIME OF PASSAMAQUODDY PL 1985  
1680 TRIBE TRUST LAND DESIGNATION c. 637

Sponsor: VOSE, Moholland, Brown, L.  
Committee Report: OTP-AM

H-565 CA H S  
S-411 PEARSON H S

SUMMARY: LD 1680 extends the time for designation of Passamaquoddy Tribe trust land to April 1, 1988.

LD RESOLVE, AUTHORIZING JEANETTE HODGDON BROWN, INDEF. PP  
1683 ADMINISTRATRIX OF THE ESTATE OF KENNETH R  
HODGDON, TO RECOVER JUDGEMENT ENTERED IN HER  
FAVOR AGAINST THE STATE IN LINCOLN COUNTY

Sponsor: HOLLOWAY, Reeves, Violette  
Committee Report: ONTP, OTP

S-379 VIOLETTE

SUMMARY: LD 1683 sought to require the State to pay to the widow of a motorcyclist killed in an accident on a state highway the amount in damages awarded to her in a suit against the State. Upon appeal to the Maine Supreme Judicial Court after the verdict, the State prevailed in