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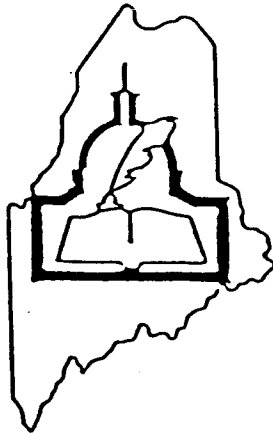
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged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

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|-----------|---------------------------------------|
| 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 |

LD
1681

AN ACT AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF CHILD CARE
EXPENSES FOR FOSTER CHILDREN

PL 1985
c. 521

Sponsor: CASHMAN, Carroll
Committee Report: OTP

SUMMARY: The Department of Human Services budgeted for and paid the child care expenses of foster parents participating in foster parent training, of foster and adoptive parents who act as co-trainers with the Department of Human Services, and of volunteers participating in Administrative Case Reviews. In 1985, the Controller's Office disallowed the continued payment of these child care expenses because there was no statutory authority to pay these expenses. This bill authorizes, by statute, those child care expenses and related travel expenses.

LD
1690

AN ACT TO REQUIRE NOTICE OF SMOKING POLICY IN
RESTAURANTS

RULED IN
VIOLATION OF
JT. RULE 37

Sponsor: MANNING
Committee Report: OTP-A

H-504 CA H

SUMMARY: This bill would have required restaurants to provide oral or written notification of the smoking policy to all restaurant patrons. Failure to do so would be punishable as a civil violation by a forfeiture of not more than \$50 for each occurrence.

It was similar to legislation introduced in the First Regular Session (LD 339) which, as introduced, would have included retail food stores. The First Regular Session enacted a new draft of that bill (LD 1379) which deleted retail food stores but did not include a penalty for violations. It was vetoed by the Governor for lack of a penalty.

The committee amendment (H-504) amends the bill to make it clear that a restaurant is required to have a policy on seating for smokers and nonsmokers and is required to prominently display a sign notifying patrons of that policy. It deleted the option to notify patrons orally.

The President of the Senate ruled that this bill was in violation of Joint Rule 37 which prohibits any "measure which has been introduced and finally rejected in any first regular session" from being introduced at a second regular session of the same Legislature "except by vote of 2/3rds of both Houses."