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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

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

its argument that it was immune from suit. Judgment was thus entered in the State's favor. The resolve sought the payment of the amount determined by the jury despite the finding of immunity and overturning of the verdict.

LD AN ACT CONCERNING SUBSTANCE ABUSE EDUCATION LVWD
1685

Sponsor: ALLEN, Chalmers
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill sought to permit certain law enforcement officers and registered substance abuse counselor involved in substance abuse training and education to possess certain scheduled drugs and drug paraphernalia for use in that training or education.

LD AN ACT TO MAKE CERTAIN TECHNICAL CHANGES IN ND LD 2008
1692 THE LAW RELATING TO POST-CONVICTION REVIEW

Sponsor: CARPENTER, Kane
Committee Report: OTP-ND

SUMMARY: See New Draft, LD 2008.

LD AN ACT TO PERMIT THE TRANSFER OF PROTECTION PL 1985
1693 FROM ABUSE HEARINGS FROM SUPERIOR COURT TO c. 546
DISTRICT COURT

Sponsor: CARPENTER, Kane
Committee Report: OTP-AM

S-373 CA H S

SUMMARY: LD 1693 permits the Superior Court to enter a temporary order upon a protection from abuse complaint and then transfer the case to the District Court for further proceedings.

LD AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN JUDICIAL DIVISIONS LVWD
1695 AND DISTRICTS OF THE MAINE DISTRICT COURT
STATUTES

Sponsor: CARPENTER, Kane
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill sought to realign the judicial divisions of Southern Penobscot, Western Penobscot, and Somerset.