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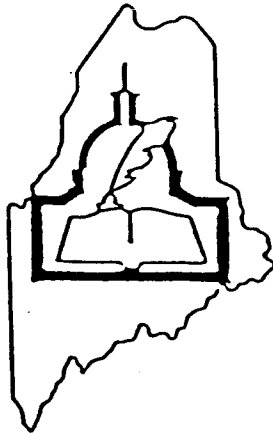
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged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

Sponsor: MANNING, Chalmers, Gauvreau, Paradis P
Committee Report: OTP-A

H-597 CA H S

SUMMARY: This bill sought to give counties the authority to form detention districts, autonomous governmental entities created to hold prisoners awaiting court action or after court action. It would have allowed counties which could not economically operate a jail to form detention districts with other counties to detain all prisoners of that county.

The committee amendment (H-597) replaced the text of the original bill. Adjoining counties currently have the ability to create, by interlocal agreements, detention districts with all the authority and responsibility contained in the original bill. This amendment deleted the requirement that the counties be adjoining. With that change, the original bill was no longer necessary.

Sponsor: PERKINS, Erwin E, Whitcomb, Daggett
Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 2278

SUMMARY: This bill sought to require that coffee and coffee products processed with methylene chloride be labeled as containing a possible carcinogen.

See new draft, LD 2278.

Sponsor: NELSON, Clark N
Committee Report: New draft of LD 1799

SUMMARY: The new draft replaced the original bill. It requires, as did the original, that a request be made to families or the legal representative for organ donations when someone dies in a hospital. In addition, the new draft:

1. incorporates the request for organ donations into the Anatomical Gift Act, which incorporates the following safeguards:
 - a. immunity for good faith actions while implementing the law; and
 - b. the requirement for written documentation of the request or a witnessed phone call;
2. limits requests for donations to those instances where the decedent has not made a contrary intention known and where the donor is medically suitable;
3. specifies that the attending physician shall make the request unless he or she is unavailable or made the determination of death;
4. eliminates the use of the death certificate for reporting purposes, which was required by the original bill;
5. requires annual reports to the Commissioner of Human Services;
6. cross-references the applicability of the Medical Examiner Act, which may affect the availability of the organs or tissues in medical examiner cases;
7. adds language to ensure that the inter-hospital agreements implementing this law include protocols for the costs associated with transplantation; and
8. adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to ensure minimum delay in increasing the availability of organs and tissue for transplantation.

LD 2037 AN ACT TO REQUIRE A REPORT CONCERNING THE CONSUMER ADVISORY BOARD

ND LD 2297

Sponsor: PRAY, Bustin, Carroll, Nelson
 Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 2297

SUMMARY: In August of 1983, the United States District Court for the district of Maine relinquished oversight of the Pineland Consent Decree. At that time many of the courts responsibilities were assumed by the Consumer Advisory Board. This bill would require the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation through the Bureau of Mental Retardation to report on the activities of the Board and through that report inform the Legislature of the status of the State's compliance with the terms of the Pineland Consent Decree.

It also would have required the Human Resources Committee to request the Consumer Advisory Board, an entity created by the Federal Court, to provide its own report to the committee. See new draft, LD 2297.