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## JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON

LEGAL AFFAIRS

BILL SUMMARY



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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE BILL SUMMARIES MAY 1986

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:

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

SUMMARY: Current law requires compliance with the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children when an adoption crosses state lines. This bill crossreferences the compact in the adoption laws to bring the requirements to people's attention. The bill also requires that newspaper or other media advertisements for adoption must state that compliance with the compact is required for any interstate adoption. The bill adds a civil forfeiture of \$100 to \$5,000.

The new draft just reworded and rearranged the original bill.

LD AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO VITAL RECORDS IN PL 1985
2276 CASES OF ADOPTION C. 673

Sponsor: GILL, McPherson, Clark, Nicholson Committee Report: New Draft of LD 2087

<u>SUMMARY:</u> Currently, the State Registrar cannot give out information that a party being sought by a biological parent, an adoptive parent or an adopted person has died. This bill allows the State Registrar to do so.

The new draft clarified that the State Registrar can supply only the fact that the person died in Maine, and none of the circumstances of that death.

LD AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE WAIVER OF THE 10-MILE PL 1985
2281 RADIUS RESTRICTION AND TO ALLOW THE STATE C. 697
LIQUOR COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH ONE ADDITIONAL

LIOUOR STORE

Sponsor: ROLDE

Committee Report: New Draft of LD 17

H-621 PERRY H S

H-623 REEVES

<u>SUMMARY:</u> This bill was recommitted to Committee after the Governor failed to sign it last session. See Bill Summaries for First Regular Session, LD 1615.

The new draft (LD 2281) allows the State Liquor Commission to locate a new agency liquor store within 10 miles of an existing state or agency liquor store after presenting its proposal to the Legal Affairs Committee. The Committee can advise the Commission, but cannot bind it. There is a 1-year sunset on this part of the bill.