

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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BILL SUMMARIES  
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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. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

All Adopted 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 "COMMITTEE" if it is a committee amendment.

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

Please let us know if you would prefer a different format or additional information and if the summaries are helpful.

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-A	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

disease or defect. Such a defendant would have been sentenced as if found guilty, but would have received hospitalization if necessary. After completion of hospitalization, the defendant would have completed his sentence.

**LD** AN ACT TO VALIDATE CERTAIN ABSTRACTS OF DIVORCE PL 1987  
**49** DECREES c. 15  
EMERGENCY

Sponsor: MARSANO, Lebowitz, Allen  
Committee Report: OTP-A  
Amendments Adopted:  
H-4 COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: The recording of a divorce decree, or an abstract of the decree, in the registry of deeds effectuates the conveyances of property order by the decree. The statutes required the abstracts to contain the residences of the parties. Many abstracts failed to recite the parties' residences. This bill removes the residence recital requirement from the statutes concerning recording divorce decree abstracts and validates all abstracts previously recorded that failed to note residences. The Committee Amendment added an emergency preamble and clause.

**LD** AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE CREATION OF UNLAWFUL ND LD 1154  
**51** BARRIERS

Sponsor: MARTIN, J., Paradis, E., Paradis, P., Brannigan  
Committee Report: OTP-ND-NT LD 1154

SUMMARY: See New Draft, LD 1154.

**LD** AN ACT CONCERNING COMPUTER ACCESS AND COMPUTER- LVWD  
**58** RELATED CRIMES

Sponsor: PARADIS, E., Kimball, Whitmore  
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill sought to create specific computer-related crimes. The crimes included unauthorized interference with intellectual property (defined as data, including programs); unauthorized interference with computer equipment or supplies; and unauthorized interference with computer use.