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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.

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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

penalties or forfeitures on penal statutes so that civil penalty actions brought by the State would have been under the general six-year statute of limitations.

LD AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF LEGAL
189 SERVICES BY ELIGIBLE LAW STUDENTS

PL 1987
c. 30
EMERGENCY

Sponsor: FOSTER
Committee Report: OTP-A
Amendments Adopted:
H-19 COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: Permits any senior law student enrolled in a law school approved by the ABA to appear, under supervision, in Maine courts on behalf of state agencies or indigent clients. Existing law had permitted only senior law students enrolled in a Maine law school or who were Maine residents to appear in this manner.

LD AN ACT TO INCREASE THE SMALL CLAIMS COURT LIMIT LVWD
212

Sponsor: BRANNIGAN, Vose, Conley, MacBride
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: LD 212 proposed to increase the monetary limit of Small Claims Court actions from \$1,400 to \$2,500.

LD AN ACT RELATING TO THE USE OF HOSPITAL RECORDS LVWD
220 OF BLOOD-ALCOHOL LEVEL IN COURT PROCEDURES AS
EVIDENCE OF LIABILITY

Sponsor: HARPER, Hichborn, Pearson
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: Passage of this bill would have allowed those hospital records that indicated the presence of intoxicating liquor or drugs in a person to be admissible as evidence in a case concerning liability of that person.