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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

AN ACT TO AMEND THE MAINE TORT CLAIMS ACT TO REMOVE JOINT AND SEVERAL LIABILITY FOR GOVERNMENT ENTITIES

CARRY-OVER

Sponsor: MANNING, Curran Committee Report: Carry-Over

SUMMARY: The bill seeks to limit the liability of governmental entities and governmental employees sued under the Maine Tort Claims Act to damage awards not exceeding the extent of an entity's or employee's actual negligence.

LD AN ACT TO EXPAND ADOPTION REGISTRY 369

LVWD

Sponsor: ANTHONY, Clark, M., Brannigan Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill sought to add to the types of people who can register for the adoption registry maintained by the Office of Vital Records in the Department of Human Services. Currently, only adult adopted persons, adoptive parents on behalf of minor adoptees, and biological parents may register for a possible reunion. Those who would have been included by passage of this bill were people whose adoption was annulled, adoptive parents of adopted persons who are deceased, relatives of deceased biological parents, adult siblings of adoptees, and custodians or guardians of minor or incapacitated adult adoptees.

LD AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUDICATION ND LD 1835 375 OF TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS

Sponsor: (Reported Pursuant to Title 29, section 2202) Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 1835

SUMMARY: See new draft under new title, LD 1835.

LD AN ACT TO CLARIFY MUNICIPAL LIABILITY FOR LVWD 395 CERTAIN VEHICULAR ACCIDENTS

Sponsor: BRANNIGAN, O'Gara, Cote Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill sought to resolve a conflict between the Maine Tort Claims Act and a section of Title 30 establishing municipal liability for certain accidents involving a municipal fire department or volunteer fire association vehicle. LD 1777 incorporated the provisions of this bill.

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