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BILL SUMMARY



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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

LD

600

AN ACT MAKING IT A CLASS C CRIME TO CAUSE
SERIOUS BODILY INJURY WHILE OPERATING UNDER THE
INFLUENCE

LVWD

Sponsor: HUSSEY, JR., Pray, Gould, R.A.
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: Under current law, there is a difference in
proofs between the felony charges of vehicular manslaughter
(Title 17-A, section 203, subsection 3) and reckless
conduct with a deadly weapon, i.e., an automobile (Title
17-A, section 211). This bill would enhance an operating
under the influence charge from a Class D crime to a Class
C crime if any person suffers serious bodily injury that is
in fact a result of a violation of the OUI law.

LD

638

RESOLVE, AUTHORIZING SHARON TRAFTON DUTHIE TO
BRING SUIT AGAINST THE STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE 1987
c. 45

Sponsor: STROUT, D., Hussey, Thistle, Pearson
Committee Report: OTP-A (Majority)
ONTP (Minority)

Amendments Adopted:
H-210 COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: Sharon Trafton Duthie's car was stolen by an
escapee from the Charleston Correctional Center. The State
Police, in pursuit of the car, damaged the car in a
roadblock. The damages to the car amounted to \$786.58.
The Duthies submitted a claim for the damages to the
Department of Public Safety, which denied liability.
Although the Department of Corrections never officially
received a claim, it denied liability also. Because of the
confusion and delay involving 2 departments, the Majority
voted to reimburse the Duthies for the damages.

LD

649

AN ACT TO REQUIRE CANDIDATES TO IDENTIFY PARTY
AFFILIATION ON ALL ADVERTISEMENTS

LVWD

Sponsor: SHELTRA, Racine
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill would require candidates to identify
their political party on any advertisements the candidates
circulate.