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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:

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| 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 749 AN ACT TO REVISE THE LAWS CONCERNING BAIL FOR CRIMINAL DEFENDANTS ND LD 1700

Sponsor: BRANNIGAN, Thistle, Cote, Kilkelly
Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 1700

SUMMARY: See New Draft under New Title, LD 1700.

LD 764 AN ACT TO PROVIDE A WAITING PERIOD PRIOR TO GRANTING OF DIVORCE LVWD

Sponsor: McHENRY
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: LD 764 proposed to require a 6-month waiting period after a divorce complaint is filed before the divorce may be granted.

LD 765 AN ACT CONCERNING SUPPORT IN CASES OF UNMARRIED PERSONS LVWD

Sponsor: McHENRY
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: LD 765 proposed to make cohabitation by a couple for one year or longer a legal marriage.

LD 769 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH MANDATORY FINES FOR SHOPLIFTING LVWD

Sponsor: MITCHELL, Dellert
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: LD 769 proposed to require a fine for any shoplifting offense to be set in an amount equal to at least 10 times the value of the merchandise stolen.

LD 797 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH POLICIES GOVERNING MALPRACTICE CLAIMS CARRIED-OVER

Sponsor: ROLDE
Committee Report: Carry-Over

SUMMARY: The bill seeks to set a cap of \$250,000 on damages for pain and suffering in medical malpractice actions and to set a fee schedule for attorneys contingent fees in such actions.