

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

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

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

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

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 AN ACT CONCERNING SUPPORT IN CASES OF LVWD  
765 UNMARRIED PERSONS

Sponsor: McHENRY  
Committee Report: LVWD

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

LD AN ACT TO ESTABLISH MANDATORY FINES FOR LVWD  
769 SHOPLIFTING

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

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.