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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                |

5. It included the former record-keeping provisions regarding forfeited property formerly found in the Title 22 forfeiture law. This ensures that the Department of Public Safety will remain the central repository of all forfeited property records in the state.

**LD 1417** AN ACT CONCERNING THE AFFIDAVIT OF PATERNITY PL 1987  
c. 187

Sponsor: MAYBURY, Bustin, Bragg, Wentworth  
Committee Report: OTP

SUMMARY: LD 1417 requires the consent of the mother of a child before a putative father could have his name entered on the child's birth certificate as the father of the child.

**LD 1418** AN ACT TO AMEND THE PROBATE CODE TO ALLOW PL 1987  
REASONABLE COMPENSATION FOR PUBLIC GUARDIANS c. 295  
OR CONSERVATORS

Sponsor: BLACK, Taylor, Hichborn, Dutremble, D.  
Committee Report: OTP

SUMMARY: The bill clarifies how and under what circumstances fees may be sought by the Department of Human Services and the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation as public guardians. Any fees allowed by the Probate Court to either department as a public guardian are to be placed in an account that can be drawn upon for expenses for filing fees, bond premiums, court costs, and other expenses in the administration of the functions of the public guardian.

**LD 1421** AN ACT TO SIMPLIFY FEES FOR CERTIFIED COPIES PL 1987  
OF DIVORCE REPORTS c. 259

Sponsor: SEWALL, Foster, Lord, Theriault  
Committee Report: OTP  
Amendments Adopted:  
H-177 PARADIS, P.

SUMMARY: LD 1421 proposed to delete the statutorily-set fee of \$2 for obtaining a certified copy of a divorce report from the Registrar of Vital Statistics and replace it with a requirement that the fee reasonably reflect the cost of the service.

House Amendment "A" (H-177) added an allocation section to the bill.