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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 INCREASE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF PL 1987
1409 LAWS RELATING TO VITAL STATISTICS c. 382

Sponsor: TUPPER, Farnum, Hickey, Gould R R
Committee Report: OTP-A
Amendments Adopted:
H-276 COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: This bill, as amended, conformed the penalty provisions for violation of the vital statistics laws to the Maine Criminal Code making the first offense a Class E crime and 2nd or subsequent offenses a Class D crime.

LD AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A STATE NUCLEAR SAFETY PL 1987
1416 PROGRAM FOR COMMERCIAL NUCLEAR POWER FACILITIES c. 519
IN THE STATE

Sponsor: HOLLOWAY, Gwadosky, Vose, Cahill
Committee Report:
Amendments Adopted:
H-338 COMMITTEE
H-343 MANNING
S-274 GAUVREAU

SUMMARY: The original bill sought to establish a state nuclear safety inspector in the State Planning Office. The final bill, as amended, creates two new positions: the state nuclear safety inspector, located in the Department of Human Services and the State Nuclear Safety Advisor in the State Planning Office. In addition the bill incorporates several proposals in other legislation by:
1. establishes on site monitoring of gaseous and liquid effluent;
2. establishes an off-site gamma radiation monitoring system; and
3. authorizes the Bureau of Civil Emergency Preparedness to designate, by rule, the area encompassed by the emergency planning zones.

LD AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A CANCER PREVENTION AND PL 1987
1419 CONTROL ADVISORY COMMITTEE c. 380

Sponsor: MAYBURY, Nicholson, MacBride, Berube
Committee Report: OTP-A
Amendments Adopted:
S-146 COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: This bill, as amended, establishes a Cancer Prevention and Control Advisory Committee to assume the responsibilities of the Cancer Registry Advisory Committee

and will advise the Commissioner of Human Services on the development and maintenance of a coordinated statewide approach to cancer prevention and control.

LD AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS GOVERNING THE LICENSING LVWD
1420 OF CHILDREN'S HOMES

Sponsor: WEBSTER C, Farnum, Rolde, Garland
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill sought to distinguish between family foster homes for children and respite care homes for children. This has already been accomplished by rule.

LD AN ACT TO ADJUST TIME LIMITS AND CLARIFY PL 1987
1423 RESPONSIBILITY FOR CERTIFICATION AND REGISTRA- c. 296
TION OF DEATHS

Sponsor: WHITMORE, Estes, Murphy E, Lebowitz
Committee Report: OTP-A
Amendments Adopted:
S-104 COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: This bill, as amended, removes the specified time period for filing death certificates and allows the department to establish a more flexible time period by rule. It also allows any physician with knowledge of the patient's recent medical condition to file the certificate instead of just the physician in charge of the patient's care.

LD AN ACT TO CLARIFY REPORTING OF INDUCED AND LVWD
1441 SPONTANEOUS ABORTIONS

Sponsor: CAHILL, Taylor, Anthony, Mahany
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill sought to amend the reporting requirements for induced abortions and spontaneous abortions. Its purpose was to seek better monitoring of early spontaneous abortions or miscarriages under 20 weeks gestation to attempt to discern occupational or environmental hazards to the reproductive system.