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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

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

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

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 1423** AN ACT TO ADJUST TIME LIMITS AND CLARIFY RESPONSIBILITY FOR CERTIFICATION AND REGISTRATION OF DEATHS PL 1987 c. 296

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

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.