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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 CLARIFY THE LAWS PERTAINING TO  
1516 PAYMENT FOR MEDICAL SERVICES

PL 1987  
c. 276

Sponsor: GILL, Foss, Strout, D.  
Committee Report: OTP

SUMMARY: LD 1516 authorizes the Department of Corrections to seek reimbursement for medical treatment provided to juveniles housed at the Maine Youth Center from the juvenile, his parents or his legal guardian.

LD AN ACT TO PROTECT ABUSED CHILDREN AND DEPENDENT  
1541 ADULTS

LVWD

Sponsor: HARPER, Rolde, Begley, Erwin, E.  
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill sought to allow out-of-court statements by residents of licensed adult or child care facilities to be admitted into evidence in court proceedings related to allegations of abuse or neglect in adult and child care facilities.

LD AN ACT CONCERNING COSTS FOR DISCOVERY MATERIALS  
1561 IN CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS

LVWD

Sponsor: WARREN, Conley, Marsano, Gauvreau  
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: LD 1561 proposed to require all materials subject to discovery under the Rules of Criminal Procedure to be provided to the criminal defendant at no cost.

LD AN ACT TO PERMIT A RECONSIDERATION OF PARENTAL  
1566 RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES UPON THE RELOCATION  
OF CHILDREN OF DIVORCED OR SEPARATED PARENTS  
FROM THIS STATE TO ANOTHER STATE

PL 1987  
c. 179

Sponsor: WARREN  
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 908

SUMMARY: The new draft amends the divorce and separation laws to make it clear that, when a court order provides for parents sharing in or dividing parental rights and responsibilities, the attempt of one parent to move a child from this State is a substantial change in circumstances. When a substantial change in circumstances exists, a parent may petition the court for a modification of its parental rights and responsibilities award. Upon a finding of

substantial change in circumstances, the court must consider whether it is in the best interests of the child to alter the parental rights and responsibilities award. Under the bill, the court must reassess the child's best interests where relocation of the child from the State has occurred or is intended.

LD AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH A ND LD 1820  
1572 JUVENILE MAY BE DETAINED

Sponsor: WHITMORE, Gauvreau, Strout, D., Manning  
Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 1820

SUMMARY: See New Draft, LD 1820.

LD AN ACT TO AMEND THE MAINE JUVENILE CODE PL 1987  
1573 c. 277

Sponsor: PERKINS, Manning, Taylor, Gauvreau  
Committee Report: OTP

SUMMARY: Corrects the Juvenile Code's statute of limitations and provisions for warrantless arrest so that they include reference to the juvenile crimes of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs or alcohol and Class B and C crimes in Title 29.

LD AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE RIGHT TO REMOVE A ND LD 1699  
1575 COMMITTED OFFENDER FROM A DISCIPLINARY HEARING

Sponsor: GILL, Matthews, Z., Taylor, Manning  
Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 1699

SUMMARY: See New Draft, LD 1699.

LD AN ACT TO AMEND THE MAINE JUVENILE CODE ND LD 1816  
1589

Sponsor: STANLEY, Gill, Begley  
Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 1816

SUMMARY: See New Draft, LD 1816.