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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 1609 AN ACT TO AMEND THE POSTGRADUATE RESIDENCY
REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN PHYSICIANS

PL 1987
c. 239
EMERGENCY

Sponsor: MARTIN, J., Pray
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 413
Amendments Adopted:
H-167 ALLEN

SUMMARY: This bill changes the requirement to be registered as a physician in Maine from 2 years of education after medical school to 1 year.

The new draft reduces the two year requirement to 1 year only for doctors who have gone through the State's program for Postgraduate Education in the Field of Medicine and who return to practice in an underserved area of Maine. The State contracts with medical schools for 23 medical education spaces each year of whom approximately 60% return to a practice in Maine which would qualify them for debt forgiveness. In the past this referred to the specialty in which the doctor was to practice. Beginning with the 1981 contract students serving in an underserved speciality or geographic area has formed the basis for forgiveness.

House Amendment A reduces the 2-year postgraduate training requirement to one year only for persons who signed a contract for the State's program for postgraduate education at a time when this training requirement was for one year. The original bill reduced it for all applicants and the new draft reduced it for all persons taking part in the State's education program regardless of when they entered the program.

LD 1633 AN ACT TO AMEND MAINE'S ABANDONED PROPERTY LAWS

PL 1987
c. 323

Sponsor: GWADOSKY, Brannigan, Gurney
Committee Report: OTP

SUMMARY: This bill amends existing law to provide that sums payable on gift certificates, credit vouchers and all similar instruments are property subject to the State's abandoned property laws.