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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 OFFENSE OF DRIVING UNDER CARRY-OVER
1618 THE INFLUENCE OF ILLEGAL DRUGS

Sponsor: WARREN, MacBride, Lebowitz, Stevenson
Committee Report: Carry-Over

SUMMARY: LD 1618 proposed to make it a crime to operate a motor vehicle with an excessive blood-drug level, similar to the present law criminalizing the act of driving with a blood-alcohol level in excess of 0.10%. The bill also required mandatory blood tests of any person involved in a vehicular accident resulting in death.

LD AN ACT TO SIMPLIFY THE METHOD OF ENFORCING PL 1987
1641 HEALTH BENEFIT LIENS c. 231

Sponsor: MARSANO, Gauvreau, Conley
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 309

SUMMARY: The new draft provides a clearer method for enforcing liens placed by employees against property of employers due to failure to implement an employer-provided health benefit plan. An employee may create a health benefit lien against real estate or personal property of an employer by filing a statement of claim in the proper place. The employer must be notified of the filing of the statement within 20 days. The lien will expire after 90 days, unless an action to enforce the lien has been commenced within the 90-day period. The employer may discharge the lien if he gives the person making the claim for health benefits a bond in place of the lien.

LD AN ACT TO REVISE REPORTING PROCEDURES RELATED PL 1987
1684 TO CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD INFORMATION c. 281

Sponsor: BRANNIGAN, Sewall, Paradis, P., Lacroix
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 813

SUMMARY: The new draft establishes the Commissioner of Marine Resources as the primary repository of conviction information for violations of those laws with which his department is primarily concerned, similarly establishes the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, requires the courts to send criminal record information specified by the State Bureau of Identification to that bureau, and requires the courts to provide information to the Secretary of State pertaining to Title 29 and other motor vehicle violations and to the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife for certain violations of Title 12.