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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.

Please let us know if you would prefer a different format or additional information and if the summaries are helpful.

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

House Amendment H-334. Eliminates the provision that allows the harbor master to dispose of a buoy that he has removed. It adds a provision that harbor masters will continue to receive the limitations on liability of the Maine Tort Claims Act, as well as the limitations contained in the original bill.

LD
1795

RESOLVE, REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF
CONSERVATION TO STUDY THE PROBLEM OF SUBMERGED
WATERCRAFT IN COASTAL WATERS OF THE STATE

RESOLVE 1987
c. 42
EMERGENCY

Sponsor: COLES, Vose, Carrol
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 1338
Amendments Adopted:
H-292 CARROLL

SUMMARY: The original bill required the Department of Marine Resources to remove certain sunken vessels from coastal waters. This would involve a considerable but uncertain expense, and the appropriate governmental body to be responsible for this work is also unclear.

This new draft requires that the Department of Conservation, thru the Board of Public Lands, study this subject and report to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government by February 1, 1988.

The House Amendment eliminates the specific objectives of the study, as filling all those objectives would have required additional staffing by the Department of Conservation.

LD
1797

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF
THE FEASIBILITY OF PROVIDING DETENTION FACILITY
SERVICES FOR AROOSTOOK COUNTY BY PRIVATE
CONTRACT

P&S 1987
c. 46

Sponsor: COLLINS, Ludwig, Theriault
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 1156
Amendments Adopted:
H-321 CARROLL
S-198 THERIAULT

SUMMARY: The original would allow county commissioners to contract with a private firm to run the county jail. In spite of its title this bill refers to all counties, not just Aroostook.

Under the provisions of 30 MRSA section 304 the commissioners of Aroostook County last winter contracted with a private firm to run the county jail. An Attorney General's opinion stated that contracting for running the jail would represent an illegal delegation of the sheriff's statutory responsibility