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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES
MAY 1988**

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 for floor amendments. Final action is listed to the right of the title. If final House and Senate action differ, both are listed. Committee Reports and Floor Action are indicated as follows::

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

Each individual summary was prepared by the analyst assigned, as noted for each committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including Secretaries: Charlene Brann, Janet Jean, Earl Knox, Valarie Parlin; Research Assistant Hartley Palleschi. Finally, Secretary Lorette Knox, Legal Assistant Carolyn Chick, and Research Assistant Robert Dunn had special responsibilities in the preparation of the overall document.

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The committee amendment (S-325) makes the following changes to the bill:

1. The notification of claim section is amended to include notice of all relevant claims, not just those against a 3rd party and to specify that the department is to determine what information is necessary in the notice of the claim.

2. The notification of pleading section is amended to delete the requirement that a pleading be filed with the department and provides for notification of the pleading. In addition, it declares that the medical records of the department concerning payments made by the department are to be considered prima facie evidence of medical expenses.

3. The disbursement of money section is amended to waive the 10-day written notice prior to distribution of the money if the department has signed a release of any obligation on the claim.

4. The amendment adds a fiscal note.

LD 2024	An Act to Prohibit the Sale of the Substances Butyl Nitrite and Isobutyl Nitrite, Commonly Referred to as "Rush" or "Lockerroom"	PUBLIC 747 EMERGENCY
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<u>SPONSOR(S)</u> GAUVREAU BLACK PARADIS P	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u> OTP-AM	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u> S-455
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SUMMARY

Butyl nitrite and isobutyl nitrite, often called "rush" or "lockerroom," are now being used as a "recreational drug" which enters the blood quickly and lowers a person's blood pressure rapidly. It has unhealthful side effects, including nosebleeds and headaches. This bill, as amended, includes butyl nitrite and isobutyl nitrite in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, as a Schedule Z drug, making it a Class D crime to furnish or traffick in these substances. Amyl nitrite, referred to in the original bill, is deleted by the amendment because it is regulated as a prescription drug.

The amended version of the bill (S-455) also makes possession of butyl nitrite or isobutyl nitrite a civil violation and adds an emergency preamble and an emergency clause which becomes effective 30 days after approval.