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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES  
AUGUST 1989

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 for 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 abbreviated 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 Research Assistant Barbara McGinn, and secretaries: Charlene Brann, and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

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SPONSOR(S)  
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COMMITTEE REPORT  
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill makes technical corrections to the laws regarding suspension of one's driver's license for operating a motor vehicle under the influence of intoxicants. In addition, the bill increases the period of license suspension for a first time OUI conviction from 90 to 180 days.

SPONSOR(S)  
CAHILL P  
DILLENBACK  
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COMMITTEE REPORT  
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill allows wine retailers, with the permission of the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages, to purchase wine directly from a winery or wine broker rather than a licensed wholesale wine distributor if no wholesale wine distributor in the State carries the product sought.

SPONSOR(S)  
HOLT  
JOSEPH

COMMITTEE REPORT  
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
H-105

SUMMARY

This bill allows a notary public to solemnize the marriage of certain relatives notwithstanding the general prohibition on performance of notarial act for relatives.

Committee Amendment "A" requires that, if a notary performs the marriage of a relative, the marriage certificate must be signed and the marriage witnessed by a third unrelated party. The amendment also makes the bill an emergency measure.