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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.

Please give us your suggestions and comments on these summaries and tell us of any inaccuracies.

LD 408 An Act to Extend Reporting Deadlines of the Therapeutic
Pharmaceutical Monitoring Panel

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COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-41

SUMMARY

This bill changes the next reporting deadlines of the Therapeutic Pharmaceutical Monitoring Panel to February 15, 1989, and February 15, 1990. This panel deals with the employment or prescribing of drugs by optometrists and ophthalmologists and concerns itself with side effects and misuse.

Committee Amendment "A" deletes the requirement that the Therapeutic Pharmaceutical Monitoring Panel submit its reports to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, the State Board of Optometry and the State Board of Registration in Medicine. It also removes the requirement that the panel make its reports by certain dates.

LD 412 An Act to Require Health and Safety Disclaimers on
Television and Print Media Alcohol Advertisements

LV/WD

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COMMITTEE REPORT

LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill provides that all advertisements for the sale of alcohol in this State, whether on television, radio or in any print medium, must include a disclaimer on the advertisement stating the health and safety risks of alcohol consumption.

LD 427 An Act to Create a Fund to Assist Victims of Fraudulent Real
Estate Transactions

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COMMITTEE REPORT

LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill establishes the Real Estate Recovery Fund, the purpose of which is to reimburse persons who have been damaged by a real estate licensee through that licensee's fraudulent conduct.

The limit of the reimbursement is \$25,000 for the fraudulent conduct of any licensee. The total amount in the fund is not to exceed \$300,000 and is to be generated from an additional charge of \$25 for first-time real estate licensees.