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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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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LD 397 An Act to Reestablish the Requirement that Couples Receive a Blood Test before Obtaining a Marriage License

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)
MCCORMICK
WENTWORTH
PERKINS
BOUTILIER

COMMITTEE REPORT
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have required persons to obtain a blood test before a marriage license could be granted.

LD 413 An Act to Regulate Maternal Serum Alpha-fetoprotein Screening Programs

PUBLIC 72

SPONSOR(S)
PENDLETON
GILL
BERUBE
BURKE

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Department of Human Services to adopt rules governing standards of performance for maternal serum alpha-fetoprotein testing for all medical laboratories, including those otherwise exempt from licensing.

LD 415 An Act to Amend the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act and the Law Governing Shelters for Children

PUBLIC 270

SPONSOR(S)
PINES
WEBSTER C
BRANNIGAN
ANTHONY

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-201
H-322 MANNING

SUMMARY

This bill makes several miscellaneous changes in the child abuse and protection laws.

It extends the provision permitting the court in a child protection proceeding to order the physical or mental exam to include alleged parents, and any other party seeking custody of the child. It also eliminates the requirement that the court find, by clear and convincing evidence, that the exam is necessary to obtain information that cannot be obtained by other means and makes the procedure subject to the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure.

It authorizes the disclosure to a person making a report of suspected child abuse or neglect that an investigation has not been accepted for investigation.

It extends the mandatory reporting law to include court appointed special advocates and guardians ad litem.