

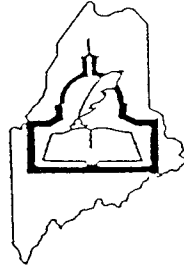
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**One Hundred and Fourteenth Legislature  
Second Regular Session**

**Joint Standing Committee  
Bill Summaries**

**June 1990**

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. Committee Reports and Floor Action are abbreviated as follows:

OTP  
OTP-ND  
OTP-ND-NT  
OTP-A  
ONTP  
LVWD  
INDEF PP

Ought to Pass  
Ought to Pass in New Draft  
Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title  
Ought to Pass as Amended  
Ought Not to Pass  
Leave to Withdraw  
Indefinitely Postponed

Each individual summary was prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including secretaries: Charlene Raymond, and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

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## Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary

**LD 544**      **An Act to Extend the Statute of Limitations for Medical Malpractice Cases**

**LV/WD**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
PARADIS E

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
LV/WD

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

### SUMMARY

The bill extended the 3-year statute of limitations in medical malpractice cases to 5 years. (Carried over from the First Regular Session with the other medical malpractice bills.)

**LD 627**      **An Act Relating to Computer Access**

**PUBLIC 620**

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**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-748

### SUMMARY

The original bill established a comprehensive set of laws prohibiting certain types of computer-related crimes and providing penalties. The bill was similar to bills introduced in past sessions. (Carried over from the First Regular Session.)

Committee Amendment "A" (H-748) replaced the bill. It defines significant terms and creates the crimes of criminal invasion of computer privacy and aggravated criminal invasion of computer privacy.

**LD 671**      **An Act Concerning the Maine Probate Code**

**PUBLIC 661**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
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**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-758  
H-765    PARADIS P

### SUMMARY

The original bill revised the notice provisions in the Probate Code to ensure that reasonably ascertainable creditors received notice in compliance with the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Tulsa Professional Collection Services v. Pope. (Carried over from the First Regular Session.)

Committee Amendment "A" (H-758) replaced the bill. It incorporates the amendments to the Uniform Commercial Code adopted by the National Conference of Uniform Law Commissioners in 1989. The amendment covers notice by personal representatives, the barring of claims, and immunity for personal representatives, and sets an outside limit for filing claims of 9 months after death. Uniform Probate Code comments are included.