

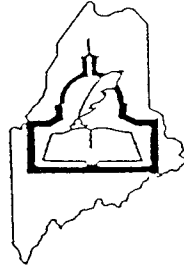
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**One Hundred and Fourteenth Legislature
Second Regular Session**

**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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LD 899 **An Act to Improve the Availability of Emergency Medical Services** **LV/WD**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
TWITCHELL	LV/WD	
WALKER		
JACKSON		

SUMMARY

The bill provided limited immunity to providers of emergency room services. (Carried over from the First Regular Session with the other medical malpractice bills.)

LD 1010 **An Act Concerning the Right to Die** **LV/WD**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
PARADIS P	LV/WD	
MARTIN J		

SUMMARY

The bill required that all actions concerning the termination of medical services, hydration or nutrition be brought in Superior Court. (Carried over for study from the First Regular Session.) (See LD 2074)

LD 1026 **An Act to Modify Joint and Several Liability in Medical Malpractice Actions** **INDEF PP**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
HANLEY	JT RULE 13	
HOLLOWAY		
BEGLEY		

SUMMARY

The bill revised joint and several liability in medical malpractice cases to provide that liability is several and not joint with regard to noneconomic damages. (Carried over from the First Regular Session with the other medical malpractice bills.) Pursuant to Joint Rule 13, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives required the bill to be reported out of Committee without a Committee Report.

LD 1038 **An Act to Establish a Limit on Noneconomic Damages in Medical Liability Actions** **LV/WD**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
TWITCHELL	LV/WD	
MACBRIDE		
ROLDE		
HOLLOWAY		

SUMMARY

The bill limited noneconomic damages in medical malpractice cases to \$250,000. (Carried over from the First Regular Session with the other medical malpractice bills.)

See LD 2513