

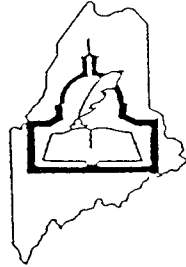
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**One Hundred and Fourteenth Legislature
Second Regular Session**

**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

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LD 1064

An Act Concerning Jurisdiction over Contested Termination of Parental Rights Proceedings

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)
CONLEY

COMMITTEE REPORT
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

The bill removed the Probate Court's jurisdiction over contested petitions for the termination of parental rights. (Carried over from the First Regular Session.)

LD 1075

An Act to Prevent Double Recoveries in Medical Liability Actions

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)
TWITCHELL
KANY
WALKER
JACKSON

COMMITTEE REPORT
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

The bill allowed evidence of collateral source payments to be admitted into medical malpractice cases, but left up to the jury what effect the payments would have on the award. (Carried over from the First Regular Session with the other medical malpractice bills.)

LD 1150

An Act to Strengthen the State Forensic Service

PUBLIC 621

SPONSOR(S)
PARADIS P
PRIEST
PINEAU

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-744
H-747 TAMMARO

SUMMARY

The original bill required the State Forensic Service to do all examinations, added additional mental and emotional conditions permitting examination and made several other clarifications regarding the State Forensic Service. (Carried over from the First Regular Session.)

Committee Amendment "A" (H-744) amends the bill to allow independent psychiatrists and licensed clinical psychologists to perform examinations, allow examiners to report if a defendant can be competent to stand trial, retain current law regarding examination of juveniles, and provide for a professional education program for examiners.