

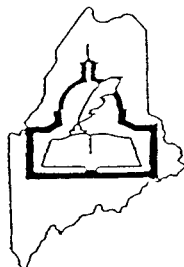
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**One Hundred and Fourteenth Legislature  
Second Regular Session**

**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	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 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.

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

**LD 1197**

**Resolve, Directing the Department of Mental Health and  
Mental Retardation to Study Mental Health Needs**

**LV/WD**

**SPONSOR(S)**

BUSTIN  
PRAY  
GAUVREAU  
MANNING

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

LV/WD

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session.

This bill would have required the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation to conduct a systems study of the population to be served; to develop mechanisms to ensure cooperation and communication between inpatient units and community service providers; and to conduct a statewide assessment of the need for psychiatric inpatient units in local community hospitals. This bill would have put into effect 3 of the recommendations made by the Commission to Review Overcrowding at the Augusta Mental Health Institute and the Bangor Mental Health Institute.

**LD 1262**

**An Act to Revise the Medical Examiner Act**

**INDEF PP**

**SPONSOR(S)**

CLARK M  
NADEAU G R  
BALDACCI

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

H-788  
H-885 MANNING

**SUMMARY**

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session.

This bill would revise the Medical Examiner Act. It provides that contents of written or recorded conversations evidencing suicidal intent will not be accessible to the general public. It raises medical examiner fees, restricts medical examiner involvement in cases involving long-term exposure to occupational and environmental toxins and alcohol and establishes a procedure for accumulation and preservation of records relating to missing persons.

The Committee Amendment narrows the focus of the procedure for missing persons and adds an appropriation.

The House Amendment clarifies the immunity language for persons providing information to the medical examiner.

**LD 1591**

**An Act Relating to the Status of Nursing Professions in  
Maine (Reported Pursuant to Resolves of 1987, Chapter 106)**

**PUBLIC 609  
EMERGENCY**

**SPONSOR(S)**

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

H-734

**SUMMARY**

This bill contains the minority recommendations of the Commission to Study the Status of Nursing Professions in Maine. It is similar to LD 1324 except in the following ways:

It restricts loans under the Maine Choice Program to nursing students. It does not extend the Health Occupations Training Program to health care workers other than nurses. It does not permit delegation of