

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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JULY 1989**

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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.

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

**LD 1206**

**An Act to Assure that Probation Does Not Lessen Consecutive Terms of Imprisonment**

**LV/WD**

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COMMITTEE REPORT

LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

The bill would give courts the ability to rearrange split sentences to accommodate subsequent sentences without requiring the person to return to jail after serving probation.

**LD 1242**

**An Act to Amend the Maine Human Rights Act with Regard to Housing Discrimination against Families with Children**

**PUBLIC 245  
EMERGENCY**

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COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

S-115

SUMMARY

The bill prohibits housing discrimination against families with children consistent with federal law.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-115) corrects a technical error.

**LD 1248**

**An Act to Encourage the Continuation of Obstetrical Services in the Medicaid Program**

**CARRY OVER**

SPONSOR(S)

RANDALL

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

The bill would extend the Maine Tort Claims Act to physicians providing obstetrical services to Medicaid patients.

Carried over with the other medical malpractice bills.

**LD 1253**

**An Act to Prevent, Punish and Remedy Violations of Constitutional Rights**

**PUBLIC 582**

SPONSOR(S)

HOGLUND  
DORE

COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-325  
H-363 TAMMARO  
S-236 GAUVREAU

SUMMARY

The bill allows persons to seek equitable relief and attorney's fees, to protect the peaceable exercise or enjoyment of their constitutional rights.