

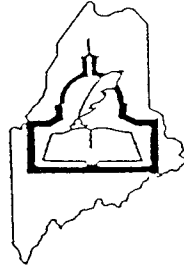
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**One Hundred and Fourteenth Legislature  
Second Regular Session**

**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.

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

**LD 1151**      **An Act to Amend the Common Law Collateral Source Rule in Medical Professional Liability Cases**      **LV/WD**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
TWITCHELL	LV/WD	
MACBRIDE		
NUTTING		
HOLLOWAY		

**SUMMARY**

The bill required a judge, after the verdict in medical malpractice cases, to automatically decrease the award by the amount of any collateral source payments. (Carried over from the First Regular Session with the other medical malpractice bills.)

See LD 2513

**LD 1248**      **An Act to Encourage the Continuation of Obstetrical Services in the Medicaid Program**      **LV/WD**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
RANDALL	LV/WD	

**SUMMARY**

The bill extended the Maine Tort Claims Act to physicians providing obstetrical services to Medicaid patients. (Carried over from the First Regular Session with the other medical malpractice bills.)

**LD 1387**      **An Act to Increase the Priority of Wage Claims Against Insolvent Employers**      **LV/WD**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
PRIEST	LV/WD	
CONLEY		
MCHENRY		
MATTHEWS		

**SUMMARY**

The bill would create a lien on the property of any employer for wages owed employees when the employer goes out of business. (Carried over from the First Regular Session.)

**LD 1390**      **An Act to Ensure that Child Support Payments Benefit the Family**      **PUBLIC 711**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
ALLEN	OTP-AM	H-847
GAUVREAU		
FARNSWORTH		
CONLEY		

**SUMMARY**

The original bill established a child support guideline designed to ensure that a parent contributes a stable percentage of income to the support of a dependent child. The bill revised existing provisions concerning the creation of a debt to the Department of Human Services for public assistance payments made