

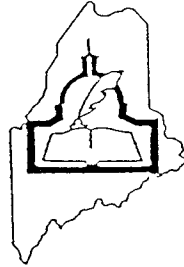
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**One Hundred and Fourteenth Legislature
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**Joint Standing Committee
Bill Summaries**

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.

House Amendment "C" (H-1133) replaced the bill and established the Medical Liability Demonstration Project. (Not adopted)

See LD 2513.

LD 2027 **An Act Concerning Trafficking in Prison Contraband**

PUBLIC 706

SPONSOR(S)

RICHARDS
MACBRIDE
HOBBINS

COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-846

SUMMARY

The bill made conspiracy to traffic in prison contraband a Class C crime, and attempting to traffic in prison contraband a Class C crime.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-846) replaced the bill. It deletes the inclusion in the definition of prison contraband those items designated by regulation as contraband. It also makes attempting to traffick the same class as trafficking (Class C).

LD 2043 **An Act to Prevent Burdensome Collection Practices when
Collecting Consumer Debts**

PUBLIC 655

SPONSOR(S)

BRANNIGAN

COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

S-492

SUMMARY

The bill amended the law governing disclosure proceedings after a money judgment to prohibit debt collectors from requiring debtors to travel great distances for disclosure hearings.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-492) requires creditors to schedule the asset disclosure hearing for a consumer debt either where the debtor lives or where the transaction took place.

LD 2067 **An Act to Allow Grandparents to Petition the Court for
Visitation Rights in Certain Limited Circumstances**

LV/WD

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COMMITTEE REPORT

LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

The bill, modeled on the Nebraska law, provided procedures for grandparents to petition the court for visitation rights regarding their grandchildren in specific situations.

Grandparents' rights is the subject matter of an OPLA research project approved by the Legislative Council.