

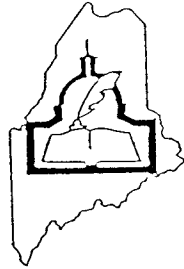
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**Joint Standing Committee
Bill Summaries**

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

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COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-834

SUMMARY

This bill amends 29 MRSA §1312 to require a law enforcement officer to administer a blood-alcohol test to each operator of a motor vehicle involved in a fatal accident, or an accident likely to result in a fatality, as soon as practicable after the accident. In addition, the bill allows a court to consider information gathered after as well as before the test was administered to determine whether probable cause existed to give the test.

Committee Amendment "A" clarifies language in the bill regarding the probable cause issue.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-919

SUMMARY

This bill authorizes the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to conduct hearings and investigations regarding an alleged "negative campaign practice" (the term is defined by the bill) and issue findings and recommendations in an advisory opinion.

Committee Amendment "A" replaces the bill and establishes the Maine Code of Fair Campaign Practices, according to which candidates may voluntarily elect to conduct their campaigns. The amendment provides for establishment of a subcommittee of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to study compliance with the Code and to recommend revisions to the Legal Affairs Committee by January 15, 1992.

SPONSOR(S)**COMMITTEE REPORT**

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

S-499

SUMMARY

This resolve, a unanimous final recommendation of the Commission on Manufactured Housing established by P&S 1987 c. 139, requires the Department of Economic and Community Development to study municipal implementation of 30-A MRSA §4358, sub-§3, paragraph M, which requires municipalities to allow mobile home parks to expand or to be located in environmentally suitable areas in the municipality. The bill requires DECD to report its findings and recommendations to the Legal Affairs Committee by December 1, 1991.

Committee Amendment "A" adds a fiscal note.