

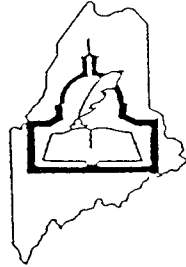
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**One Hundred and Fourteenth Legislature
Second Regular Session**

**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

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offenses. The current maximum fine of \$2,500 was unchanged. It authorized the Chief Justice of the Superior Court and the Chief Judges of the District Court and Administrative Court to develop and implement a pilot project regarding the handling of family law and other cases. It added 2 members of the Joint Standing Committee on Legal Affairs to the Commission on Criminal Penalties in the Maine Revised Statutes, and clarified that fines would be included in the commission's study. It also changed the appointing and reporting dates to be consistent with Legislative Council guidelines.

It added the chair of the Family Law Section of the Maine State Bar Association and the State Court Administrator as members of the Commission to Study the Future of Maine's Courts, and required the chair of the commission to request that the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court appoint 5 advisory members to represent the Administrative, District, Superior and Supreme Courts. The amendment also required the chair of the commission to call the first meeting only if sufficient funding was obtained for the commission to begin carrying out its duties. If sufficient funding exists from sources other than the General Fund, the chair must call the first meeting by November 15, 1990. If the commission were unable to raise sufficient funds by November 15, 1990, it would not meet at all. The amendment clarified that the commission may solicit and receive funds from any source. It also clarified that the chair may solicit funds on behalf of the commission prior to the first meeting. The Administrative Office of the Courts will administer the budget of the commission, but will not provide funds for the commission. The commission will go out of existence if it is unable to raise sufficient funds to carry out its duties. The commission is authorized to contract for administrative, professional and clerical services. It required the Commission to Study the Future of Maine's Courts to examine the issue of appellate jurisdiction, and to review and consider implementing the recommendations of the Maine Commission on Legal Needs. It changed the final reporting date of the commission to November 15, 1992. (Not adopted)

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-681) changed appointing limitations. (Not adopted)

Senate Amendment "A" (S-744) makes the changes included in Committee Amendment "A", except that it deletes the Commission on Criminal Penalties. (The subject matter will be part of an OPLA research project approved by the Legislative Council.)

LD 2335 **An Act to Amend the Drug Laws Pertaining to Lysergic Acid Diethylamide** **LV/WD**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
RICHARDS MACOMBER DELLERT COTE	LV/WD	

SUMMARY

The bill transferred LSD from Schedule X to Schedule W, established presumptive levels for furnishing and trafficking in LSD and included the costs of cleaning up drug laboratories as an item of restitution.

Incorporated into Joint Order Bill, LD 2474.