

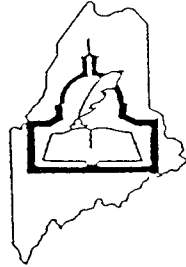
MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

STATE OF MAINE
114TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION



BILL SUMMARIES
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
JUDICIARY

JUNE 1990

Staff:

Margaret J. Reinsch, Legislative Analyst
Todd R. Burrowes, Legislative Analyst

Office of Policy and Legal Analysis
Room 101, State House Station 13
Augusta, ME 04333
(207) 289-1670

MEMBERS:

*Sen. Barry J. Hobbins
Sen. N. Paul Gauvreau
Sen. Muriel D. Holloway

*Rep. Patrick E. Paradis
Rep. Constance D. Cote
Rep. Gerard P. Conley, Jr.
Rep. Patricia M. Stevens
Rep. Cushman D. Anthony
Rep. Susan Farnsworth
Rep. Mary H. McBride
Rep. Dana C. Hanley
Rep. Peter G. Hastings
Rep. John H. Richards

*Denotes Chair

MARTHA E. FREEMAN, DIRECTOR
WILLIAM T. GLIDDEN, PRINCIPAL ANALYST
JULIE S. JONES, PRINCIPAL ANALYST
DAVID C. ELLIOTT, PRINCIPAL ANALYST
GILBERT W. BREWER
TODD R. BURROWES
GRO FLATEBO
DEBORAH C. FRIEDMAN
JOHN B. KNOX



PATRICK NORTON
HARTLEY PALLESCHI
MARGARET J. REINSCH
PAUL J. SAUCIER
JOHN R. SELSER
HAVEN WHITESIDE
JILL IPPOLITI, RES. ASST.
BARBARA A. MCGINN, RES. ASST.
BRET A. PRESTON, RES. ASST.

STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF POLICY AND LEGAL ANALYSIS
ROOM 101/107/135
STATE HOUSE STATION 13
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333
TEL.: (207) 289-1670

**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.

cultivated. It also categorized the crime of trafficking based on the number of marijuana plants cultivated. It repealed the existing civil law on marijuana possession, replacing it with language in the Criminal Code making possession a Class E crime if the person operates or is in a motor vehicle or has a previous adjudication or conviction for marijuana possession. The bill required suspension of the drivers' license of any person convicted of a drug crime involving a motor vehicle and of any person adjudicated to have committed a juvenile drug crime or of a drug crime while under age 18. It also allowed the Maine National Guard to assist in drug enforcement under an ongoing executive order.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-1057) retains the provisions of the bill regarding trafficking classes and the National Guard. It also provides authority for the court to suspend the drivers' license of a juvenile for any violation of the drug laws.

LD 2391 **An Act to Provide for Immediate Income Withholding and a Plan for Periodic Review and Adjustment of Child Support Awards in Support Enforcement Cases of the Department of Human Services** **PUBLIC 877**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
DELLERT	OTP-AM	H-1088
HASTINGS		H-1100 ANTHONY
RIDLEY		
DUTREMBLE D		

SUMMARY

The bill, in Part A, provided for immediate income withholding for Title IV-D child support awards; in Part B, established a state plan for review of support awards; and, in Part C, incorporated performance and audit requirements for paternity cases.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-1088) deletes the provisions regarding paternity, modifies the provisions on immediate income withholding and requires DHS to adopt, in consultation with Pine Tree Legal Assistance, the Maine State Bar Association and the Judiciary, a plan for review of child support awards.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-1100) deletes the provisions allowing employers to deduct a processing fee and requires that failure to comply must be knowing before penalties apply.

LD 2399 **An Act to Ensure Timely and Equitable Treatment of Discrimination Complaints Made to the Maine Human Rights Commission** **LV/WD**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CLARK N	LV/WD	
GAUVREAU		
HANDY		
PINEAU		

SUMMARY

The bill established a time frame for the informal conciliation efforts in employment discrimination cases as mandated by the Maine Human Rights Commission laws.