

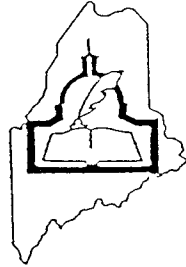
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**One Hundred and Fourteenth Legislature
Second Regular Session**

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

Senate Amendment "A" (S-650) gave the court discretion in whether to discharge an application for involuntary commitment if the 2 examiners find that the person is not mentally ill or does not pose a likelihood of serious harm. (Not adopted)

House Amendment "A" (H-1047) gave the court discretion in whether to discharge an application for involuntary commitment if the 2 examiners find that the person is not mentally ill or does not pose a likelihood of serious harm. (Not adopted)

House Amendment "B" (H-1080) corrects a technical error.

LD 2423 **An Act to Clarify the Laws on Manslaughter in the Workplace**

PUBLIC 873
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
TRACY BUSTIN NUTTING PARADIS P	OTP-AM	H-1058

SUMMARY

The bill amended the workplace manslaughter law to exempt volunteer or minimally-paid public workers who respond to life-threatening situations, when forced to make decisions reasonably calculated to save a human life.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-1058) clarifies the language in the bill to exempt volunteer and minimally-compensated public workers and to exempt public employees responding to or acting at life-threatening situations when they are forced to make decisions reasonably calculated to save a human life.

LD 2458 **An Act to Provide Greater Protection Under the Domestic Abuse Laws (Reported Pursuant to Joint Order SP971)**

PUBLIC 862

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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SUMMARY

This bill was introduced pursuant to Joint Order S.P. 971, and replaces LD 2177 and LD 2287.

The bill:

1. Excludes assaults and violations of the domestic abuse protective laws from the dismissal provision of accord and satisfaction;
2. Repeals the current section describing the purpose of the chapter addressing domestic violence in Title 19 and replaces it with clearer language;
3. Amends the definition of abuse to clarify and broaden its application; the language covers any course of conduct that places a person in fear of bodily injury;
4. Adds 3 new types of conduct to the definition of abuse. These include compelling a person to engage in or abstain from conduct that the person has a right to engage in or abstain from, restricting substantially the movements of another person and terrorizing;