

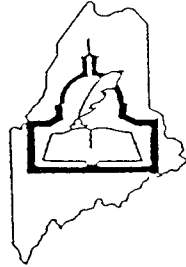
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**One Hundred and Fourteenth Legislature
Second Regular Session**

**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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LD 2474

**An Act to Amend the Maine Criminal Code with Regard to Drugs
(Reported Pursuant to Joint Order HP1769)**

PUBLIC 924

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill was introduced pursuant to Joint Order H.P. 1769, and replaces LD 2232, LD 2309, LD 2335 and LD 2376.

The bill moves LSD and its precursors from Schedule X to Schedule W. It corrects language regarding the Board of Commissioners of the Profession of Pharmacy. It allows for the aggregation of weights of drugs confiscated within a 48-hour period. It establishes presumptive levels for furnishing and trafficking in LSD. It expands aggravated trafficking to cover enlisting the aid of a minor to traffick. It broadens possible restitution to include environmental clean up expense. It amends the definition of good moral character in the concealed firearms law to include consideration of drug convictions.

House Amendment "A" (H-1086) required that persons licensed by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation who are convicted of certain drug crimes be fined and placed in probation, or have their license suspended. (Not adopted)

LD 2498

**An Act to Reduce Health Care Cost and Enhance Medical Care
through Tort Reform**

INDEF PP

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

HOLLOWAY
MACBRIDE
HASTINGS

SUMMARY

The bill amended discovery procedures for medical malpractice cases, modified the collateral source rule to require the judge to reduce an award by collateral source payments in medical malpractice cases, capped noneconomic damages in medical malpractice cases at \$250,000 as adjusted yearly by the Consumer Price Index, established the Medical Liability Demonstration Project and the Rural Medical Access Program. The bill is the same as Senate Amendment "A" to LD 2023.

LD 2508

**Resolve, Authorizing the Governor and the Atlantic Sea Run
Salmon Commission to Enter into an Agreement with Edwards
Manufacturing Company, Inc.**

**RESOLVE 104
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

MARSH
CARTER
HOLLOWAY
KANY

SUMMARY

This resolve authorizes the Governor and the Atlantic Sea Run Salmon Commission to enter into an agreement with the Edwards Manufacturing Company, Inc., regarding the licensing, operation, transfer and eventual removal or breach of the Edwards Dam.