

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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115TH LEGISLATURE**

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**BILL SUMMARIES  
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**AUGUST 1991**

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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
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BILL SUMMARIES  
AUGUST 1991**

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 volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries.

All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H - 584 or S - 222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

<b>PUBLIC XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<b>P&amp;S XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<b>RESOLVE XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<b>CON RES XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<b>EMERGENCY</b>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<b>CARRIED OVER</b>	<i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>
<b>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</b>	<i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<b>ONTP</b>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<b>LVWD</b>	<i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>
<b>INDEF PP</b>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<b>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</b>	<i>House &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<b>VETO SUSTAINED</b>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
<b>UNSIGNED</b>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<b>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</b>	<i>Action incomplete when 1st session ended</i>

These summaries were 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.

If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

**LD 960**

**An Act to Amend the Maine Court Facilities Authority**

**INDEF PP**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
CONLEY

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
S-134

**SUMMARY**

The bill would have allowed the Maine Court Facilities Authority to increase its commitment capacity from \$15,000,000 to \$50,000,000.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-134) changed the commitment capacity to \$30,000,000.

**LD 964**

**An Act to Ensure Timely and Equitable Treatment of  
Discrimination Complaints Made to the Maine Human Rights  
Commission**

**LV/MD**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
CONLEY  
GAUVREAU  
HANDY

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
LV/WD

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

The bill would have established a 60-day deadline for the informal conciliation efforts in employment discrimination cases as mandated by Maine Human Rights Commission laws.

**LD 983**

**An Act to Amend the Adoption Laws to Permit an Unmarried  
Person or Persons to Adopt Children**

**ONTP**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
ANTHONY  
CONLEY  
CATHCART  
HASTINGS

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

Current adoption laws permit an unmarried person to adopt a child but not unmarried persons who may be living together other than as husband and wife. The bill would have extended the right to adopt to include such a situation. The bill would have also provided a mechanism for allocation of parental rights and responsibilities in the event that the adoptive parents no longer maintain their relationship.

**LD 1010**

**An Act to Promote Safety While Hunting**

**ONTP**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
FOSS  
BRAUN  
TWITCHELL  
MARSH

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

The bill would have established the Class E crime of negligently discharging a firearm while hunting. See LD 589.