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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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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:

PUBLIC XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
P&S XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
RESOLVE XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
CON RES XXX	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
EMERGENCY	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
CARRIED OVER	<i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	<i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
ONTP	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
LVWD	<i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>
INDEF PP	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
VETO SUSTAINED	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
UNSIGNED	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	<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 1409 An Act to Retain Legal Services for Debtors ONTP

SPONSOR(S) VOSE	COMMITTEE REPORT ONTP	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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SUMMARY

The bill would have exempted from attachment money or property that a debtor has used to retain the services of an attorney for representation in any right of action.

LD 1410 An Act to Prevent Financial Gain by Convicted Drug Offenders PUBLIC 394

SPONSOR(S) MELENDY CARROLL D JOSEPH MILLS	COMMITTEE REPORT OTP-AM	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED H-464
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SUMMARY

The bill broadens the definition of "property loss" to clarify the authority of the court to award restitution to law enforcement agencies that fail to recover "buy money" or other consideration from persons convicted of scheduled drug-related criminal violations.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-464) clarifies that "buy money" used by law enforcement officers may be recovered through restitution only if the court makes a finding that the loss of the property was specifically related to the case for which the restitution is ordered.

LD 1430 An Act to Allow Disclosure of Litigation Information in Cases That Settle ONTP

SPONSOR(S) KILKELLY JACQUES DORE STEVENS P	COMMITTEE REPORT ONTP	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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SUMMARY

The bill would have required the release of information that may be useful to members of the public in protecting themselves from injury that may result from a public hazard that would otherwise be concealed through agreement of litigants or through court order.

**LD 1438 An Act to Exempt from Right-to-know Laws Information Contained in the Personnel File of Department of Corrections Employees PUBLIC 281
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S) GILL GREENLAW MANNING	COMMITTEE REPORT OTP-AM	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED S-143
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SUMMARY

The bill makes confidential personal information regarding Department of Corrections employees.