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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 1720**

**An Act to Create a Single Uniform Summons and Complaint That May Be Used by All Law Enforcement Agencies in the State**

**PUBLIC 459  
EMERGENCY**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
GAUVREAU  
CARROLL D  
O'DEA  
PARADIS J

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
S-307

**SUMMARY**

The bill creates a single summons and complaint form, the Uniform Summons and Complaint, that may be used by all of the State's law enforcement agencies for all offenses, crimes and civil violations. Those law enforcement agencies that currently have statutory authorization to use their own individual citation forms may choose between staying with their own forms or switching over to the Uniform Summons and Complaint.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-307) requires all law enforcement officers to use the Uniform Summons and Complaint form. It allows law enforcement agencies to deplete current supplies of forms currently used by the agency before being required to use the Uniform Summons and Complaint. The amendment also makes the Department of Public Safety rather than the District Court responsible for all Uniform Summons and Complaint forms. For most offenses, refusal to sign the summons, ticket or citation is a Class E crime. The original bill made refusal to sign a Class E crime for all offenses. The amendment deletes that change and retains current law.

**LD 1732**

**An Act to Require Certain Disclosures in Adoptions and to Provide Additional Protective Services for Children**

**CARRIED OVER**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
TITCOMB  
MELENDY  
LARRIVEE

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

The bill would require that medical and genetic information be provided to prospective adoptive parents. Disclosure of previous serious physical, sexual or emotional abuse would also be required. The Department of Human Services would be instructed to provide funds in certain circumstances to assist parents in placing children in need of services in residential child care facilities without having the department assume legal custody of the children.

**LD 1751**

**An Act to Require that Restrooms are Accessible to Persons with Disabilities (By Request)**

**CARRIED OVER**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
MILLS

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

The bill would require that any building or facility used as a place of public accommodation or employment to have restrooms that are accessible to persons with disabilities.