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BILL SUMMARIES**

**JULY 1993**

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.

The committee report or reports, the prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor in each house if one has been designated are listed below each bill title. 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:

<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>P&amp;S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>CARRIED OVER</i>	<i>Bill carried over to Second Session</i>
<i>ONTP</i>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<i>ENACTMENT FAILED</i>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i>	<i>House &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference formed but unable to agree</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</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.

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

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**SPONSOR(S)**  
FARNSWORTH**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-139**SUMMARY**

The bill makes corrections to existing law concerning the recording of judgments in judicial proceedings involving real estate.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-139) makes technical corrections and clarifies recording of Probate Court actions, where judgments must be recorded and the effect of unrecorded judgments.

**LD 721 An Act Concerning Financial Contributions Made by a Nonparent Regarding Child Support Obligations**

ONTP

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PENDLETON**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED****SUMMARY**

The bill would have limited the consideration of income and financial contributions by a domestic associate or current spouse of a parent in determining child support obligations to the fair market value of the parent's lodging unless that income or contribution allows the parent to remain unemployed or underemployed.

**LD 722 An Act Excluding Certain Income and Higher Education Savings of Minors from Consideration under the Child Support Guidelines**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
PENDLETON**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED****SUMMARY**

The bill would have excluded up to \$3,000 gross annual earnings of a child and any money saved in a college education fund for that child from consideration in determining whether to deviate from child support guidelines.

**LD 723 An Act to Increase the Penalty for the Writing of Certain Bad Checks**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
KUTASI**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED****SUMMARY**

The bill would have expanded the theft crimes to include intentionally or knowingly writing a check on an account the writer knows is closed.