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<u>LD</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
43	AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE UNIFORM DE- TERMINATION OF DEATH ACT	Soule	PL 1983, c. 33

SUMMARY: Establishes uniform criteria for making a legal determination of when death has occurred. An individual is dead when he has sustained (1) irreversible cessation of circulatory and respiratory functions, or (2) irreversible cessation of all functions of the entire brain, including the brain stem.

115	AN ACT RELATING TO ABORTION BY SALINE INJECTION	Martin,A.	LV/WD
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SUMMARY: Sought to make the performance of a saline abortion on a woman at any stage of pregnancy, except to save the woman's life or to preserve her health, a Class D crime.

148	AN ACT TO MAKE POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA A CRIMINAL OFFENSE	Lewis	ONTP
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SUMMARY: Sought to make knowing or intentional possession of 1 1/2 ounces or less of what the person knows or believes to be marijuana, and which is, in fact, marijuana a crime. The penalty for a first conviction would have been a fine of at least \$50 and not more than \$200; for a second conviction a fine of at least \$100 and not more than \$500, or up to 30 days imprisonment, or both; and for a third or subsequent conviction, a fine of at least \$150 and not more than \$1,000, or up to 6 months imprisonment, or both. Current law provides that possession of a useable amount of marijuana is a civil violation, with not more than a \$200 penalty. However, knowing or intentional possession of more than 1 1/2 ounces of marijuana creates, under current law, a presumption of the crime of unlawfully furnishing scheduled drugs.

192	AN ACT RELATING TO TRAINING PENOBSCOT LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS	Pearson	PL 1983, c. 498
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SUMMARY: Extends the powers, duties, and training requirements of State Game Wardens to Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Wardens.