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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES**

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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:

PUBLIC XXX

P&S XXX

RESOLVE XXX

CON RES XXX

EMERGENCY

CARRIED OVER

ONTP

ENACTMENT FAILED

INDEF PP

FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT

FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT

DIED BETWEEN BODIES

CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE

VETO SUSTAINED

UNSIGNED

DIED ON ADJOURNMENT

Chapter # of enacted Public Law

Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law

Chapter # of enacted Resolve

Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses

Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days

Bill carried over to Second Session

Ought Not to Pass report accepted

Bill failed to get majority vote

Bill Indefinitely Postponed

Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote

Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote

House & Senate disagree; bill died

Committee of Conference formed but unable to agree

Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Not signed by Governor within 10 days

Action incomplete when session ended; bill died

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)
CAHILL

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
S-193

SUMMARY

This bill increases the classification of the crime of sexual abuse of minors to Class C if the actor administered drugs or intoxicants, including alcohol, to the minor victim. The bill also authorizes a court to order restitution to cover the costs of counseling or other mental health services for a minor victim when the offender commits gross sexual conduct, sexual abuse of minors or unlawful sexual contact.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-193) replaces the bill. It inserts for clarification purposes only that counseling services are an allowable expense of economic loss for which a court may order a defendant to pay restitution. The amendment also corrects a conflict.

LD 1266 An Act to Allow a Casino to be Constructed by the Passamaquoddy Tribe in Calais for the Purpose of Gambling

CARRIED OVER

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COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

The bill authorizes the Passamaquoddy Tribe to operate a casino on tribal land in Calais under the terms of a tribal-state compact to be negotiated and concluded under the terms of the compact and the federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act. This ensures that the Passamaquoddy Tribe receives the full benefits granted to other federally recognized tribes under the federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act. The bill also authorizes the Passamaquoddy Tribe to include land in Calais as part of Passamaquoddy Indian Territory with the approval of the Calais City Council. The bill also requires that the Passamaquoddy Tribe ratify the provisions of a tribal-state compact pursuant to the terms of the federal Settlement Act.

LD 1267 An Act to Permit the Entry of a Not Guilty Plea on Arraignment without the Physical Presence of the Defendant

ONTP

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COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

The bill would have allowed a defendant who is being arraigned on a grand jury indictment to enter a plea of not guilty in writing instead of requiring the defendant to personally appear in court.

LD 1268 An Act Regarding the Collection of Medical Payments for an Absent Parent When a Court Order Exists

PUBLIC 365

SPONSOR(S)
HOGLUND

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-508

SUMMARY

The bill requires licensed health care facilities and licensed medical practitioners to bill the proper party for medical expenses for treatment of a minor when presented with a certified court order specifying the parent or other party responsible for the child's medical expenses. The purpose of this