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**STATE OF MAINE  
119TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
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**JULY 1999**

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**ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE**  
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**Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing and Select Committees**  
**August 1999**

We are pleased to provide this summary of all bills that were considered by the Joint Standing and Select Committees of the Maine Legislature this past session. The document is a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill and relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken. Also included are statistical summaries of bill activity this session for the Legislature and each of its joint standing and select committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is organized by committees and within committees by bill (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed by paper number. Two indices, a subject index and a numerical index by LD number are provided for easy reference to bills. They are located at the back of the document. A separate publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, may also be helpful in providing information on the disposition of bills. These bill summaries also are available at the Law and Legislative Reference Library and on the Internet ([www.state.me.us/legis/opla](http://www.state.me.us/legis/opla)).

Final action on each bill is noted to the right of the bill title. The abbreviations used for various categories of final action are as follows:

*CARRIED OVER*.....Bill carried over to Second Regular Session  
*CON RES XXX*..... Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses  
*CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE*.....Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died  
*DIED BETWEEN BODIES*.....House & Senate disagree; bill died  
*DIED IN CONCURRENCE*..... One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill  
*DIED ON ADJOURNMENT*.....Action incomplete when session ended; bill died  
*EMERGENCY*..... Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days  
*ENACTMENT FAILED*..... Bill failed to get vote required for enactment or final passage  
*NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY*..... Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died  
*INDEF PP*.....Bill Indefinitely Postponed  
*ONTP*..... Ought Not To Pass report accepted  
*OTP ND*..... Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft  
*OTP ND/NT*..... Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title  
*P&S XXX*..... Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law  
*PUBLIC XXX*..... Chapter # of enacted Public Law  
*RESOLVE XXX*..... Chapter # of finally passed Resolve  
*UNSIGNED*.....Bill held by Governor  
*VETO SUSTAINED*.....Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is September 18, 1999.

**LD 88**

**An Act to Add to the List of Mandatory Reporters of Suspected Child Abuse Children's Summer Camp Administrators and Counselors**

**PUBLIC 300**

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| <u>Sponsor(s)</u><br>MCALEVEY | <u>Committee Report</u><br>OTP-AM | <u>Amendments Adopted</u><br>H-441 |
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LD 88 proposed to add children's summer camp employees to the list of persons who have a duty to report suspected child abuse to the Department of Human Services.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-441)** proposed to limit the expansion of the list of mandatory reporters of child abuse to the administrators and counselors at children's summer camps.

*Enacted law summary*

Public Law 1999, chapter 300 expands the list of mandatory reporters of child abuse to include the administrators and counselors at a children's summer camp.

**LD 137**

**An Act to Require Parental Notification for Minors Seeking Abortions**

**ONTP**

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| <u>Sponsor(s)</u><br>AHEARNE | <u>Committee Report</u><br>ONTP MAJ<br>OTP-AM MIN | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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LD 137 proposed to require parental notification before an abortion is performed or induced on a pregnant minor.

The bill proposed to require that notification be provided to one parent or, when the minor is in fear of physical, sexual or emotional abuse from a parent, to a specified relative, who may be a grandparent, a stepparent or a sister or brother who is 21 years of age or older.

The bill also proposed to allow for alternative procedures whereby the minor may seek court approval for the proposed abortion and establish the procedures for judicial review and appeals.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-626)** the minority report of the committee, proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill. (Not adopted)

**LD 181**

**An Act Providing for Post-adoption Contact in Limited Situations**

**ONTP**

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| <u>Sponsor(s)</u><br>LAFOUNTAIN<br>PLOWMAN | <u>Committee Report</u><br>ONTP | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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LD 181 proposed to create the opportunity for parents of a child who is the subject of a child protective action to consent to the termination of their rights but continue to have contact with the child.