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**STATE OF MAINE  
119TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
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ON  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

**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 1260**

**An Act to Offer Reciprocity Concerning Concealed Firearms Permits**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> BENNETT CLARK	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1260 proposed to allow a person to carry a concealed firearm in the State if that person has a concealed firearms permit from another state or country and the permit to carry a concealed firearm from that state or country is granted reciprocity. As proposed, reciprocity is granted to a permit to carry a concealed firearm from another state or country if:

1. The other state or country that issued the permit to carry a concealed firearm has substantially equivalent or stricter requirements for the issuance of a permit to carry a concealed firearm; and
2. The other state or country that issued the permit to carry a concealed firearm observes the same rules of reciprocity in regards to a person issued a permit to carry a concealed firearm under Maine law.

**LD 1280**

**An Act to Provide Funding for School Drug Awareness and Education Programs**

**CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> AHEARNE PENDLETON	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1280 proposes to establish the Drug Awareness and Education for Schools Fund. The fund is a nonlapsing interest-bearing account. Ten percent of all fines paid for violations of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, chapter 45 must be deposited into the fund, which must be used to support school programs for drug awareness and education, including the DARE program.

This bill has been carried over to the Second Regular Session.

**LD 1281**

**An Act to Raise Penalties for Cases of Cruelty to Animals or Birds**

**PUBLIC 481**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> STEVENS KILKELLY	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-419
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LD 1281 proposed to increase the penalties for cruelty to animals and cruelty to birds and make those penalties consistent.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-419)** proposed to replace the bill. The amendment proposed to clarify that the crimes of cruelty to animals and cruelty to birds require the offender to have an intentional, knowing or reckless state of mind. The amendment proposed to allow the State to aggravate the crimes of cruelty to animals and cruelty to birds from Class