

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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121st Legislature*

*First Regular Session*

*Bill Summaries*

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on  
Criminal Justice and Public Safety*

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### 121st Maine Legislature First Regular Session

#### Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing and joint 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 committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is arranged alphabetically by committee name 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:

<i>CARRIED OVER PURSUANT TO HP 1212</i> .....	<i>Bills carried over to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Session</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i> .....	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i> .....	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i> .....	<i>House &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED IN CONCURRENCE</i> .....	<i>One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i> .....	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i> .....	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i> .....	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i> .....	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i> .....	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY</i> .....	<i>Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i> .....	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<i>ONTP</i> .....	<i>Ought Not To Pass report accepted</i>
<i>OTP-ND</i> .....	<i>Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft</i>
<i>P&amp;S XXX</i> .....	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<i>PASSED</i> .....	<i>Joint Order passed in both bodies</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i> .....	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i> .....	<i>Chapter # of finally passed Resolve</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i> .....	<i>Bill held by Governor</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i> .....	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>

Please note that the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is September 13, 2003.

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## Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety

legislation concerning the report. The resolve notes that costs of the study are intended to be funded by Other Special Revenue funds and makes an Other Special Revenue funds allocation for this purpose.

**LD 1091**

**An Act To Amend the Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity Verdict**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WOODCOCK	ONTP      MAJ OTP        MIN	

LD 1091 proposed to change the verdict of "not criminally responsible by reason of insanity" to "guilty but insane."

**LD 1109**

**An Act Regarding Passing Bad Checks**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
VAUGHAN WESTON	ONTP      MAJ OTP-AM    MIN	

LD 1109 was a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. The bill proposed to treat passing a bad check in exchange for merchandise, regardless of the amount of the check, the same as the theft of merchandise of a similar value after 3 failed attempts by the merchant to collect the amount of the check. After these 3 attempts, the merchant could have reported a theft. The bill also proposed to permit a merchant to make a black-and-white photocopy of a person's driver's license when that person paid by check.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-213)** proposed to replace the bill and was the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety. This amendment proposed to allow a merchant to make a black-and-white photocopy of a driver's license when the merchant accepted payment by check or draft. The merchant then would have had to file the photocopy in a secure, nonpublic location and destroy the photocopy once the check or draft had been paid. The amendment also proposed to add a fiscal note. This amendment was not adopted.

**LD 1110**

**An Act Creating an Alternate Concealed Weapons Permit Process**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GLYNN	ONTP      MAJ OTP        MIN	

LD 1110 proposed to provide an appeal process for a person who was denied a concealed weapons permit through the local application process. Under the bill the Chief of the State Police would have had to review the application anew. The bill also proposed to authorize the Commissioner of Public Safety to adopt rules as necessary.