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*State Of Maine
122nd Legislature*

*First Regular Session and
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Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Criminal Justice and Public Safety*

August 2005

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Summary of Legislation Considered by the Joint Standing Committees
August 2005

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing 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 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. A subject index for each committee is included immediately before the bill summaries for that committee, and a numerical index by LD number is included 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).

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
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE..... Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote
FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE..... Bill failed to get majority vote
FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT..... Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote
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 June 29, 2005; and for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Special Session is September 17, 2005.

Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety

LD 872

An Act To Extend Registration for Violent Sex Offenders

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GERZOFSKY BRYANT B	ONTP	

LD 872 proposed to extend the application of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act of 1999 to persons convicted of a sexually violent offense after January 1, 1982.

This bill was not enacted, but the making registration retroactive to January 1, 1982 was incorporated into Committee Amendment "A" to LD 1433, An Act to Amend the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act of 1999. (See also Public Law 2005, chapter 423.)

LD 874

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Concealed Firearms Permits

DIED BETWEEN HOUSES

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

LD 874 proposed to amend the concealed firearms permit requirements in the following ways:

1. Remove the limit of a reciprocity agreement being only with 2 other states;
2. Require the Chief of the State Police to enter into a reciprocity agreement with another state if that other state has equal or stricter concealed firearms permit requirements and the other state grants reciprocity to concealed firearm permits issued in the State; and
3. Remove the requirement that the applicant for a concealed firearms permit be of "good moral character."

Committee Amendment "A" (H-385) proposed to replace the bill and was the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety. The amendment proposed to remove from the current reciprocity law the restriction that the Chief of the State Police may enter into reciprocity agreements with only 2 other states and to allow the Chief of the State Police to enter into reciprocity agreements with an unlimited number of states if those states meet all other statutory criteria for reciprocity. This amendment was not adopted.

LD 893

An Act To Change Mandatory Minimum Sentences in Certain Cases

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MILLS P	ONTP	

LD 893 proposed to affect sentences in criminal cases in the following ways: