

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from electronic originals
(may include minor formatting differences from printed original)

*State Of Maine
122nd Legislature*

*First Regular Session and
First Special Session*

Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Criminal Justice and Public Safety*

August 2005

Members:

Sen. Bill Diamond, Chair

Sen. John M. Nutting

Sen. Dean F. Clukey

Rep. Patricia A. Blanchette, Chair

Rep. Stan Gerzofsky

Rep. Carol A. Grose

Rep. Rosaire "Ross" Paradis, Jr.

Rep. Stephen P. Hanley

Rep. Richard M. Sykes

Rep. John W. Churchill

Rep. Christian D. Greeley

Rep. Kimberly J. Davis

Rep. Gary E. Plummer

Staff:

Marion Hylan Barr, Legislative Analyst

Office of Policy and Legal Analysis

13 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333

(207) 287-1670



Maine State Legislature

OFFICE OF POLICY & LEGAL ANALYSIS

13 State House Station, Room 215 Cross State Office Building
Augusta, Maine 04333-0013
Telephone: (207) 287-1670
Fax: (207) 287-1275

122nd Legislature
First Regular Session and First Special Session

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 1141

An Act To Create the Crime of Vehicular Manslaughter for Persons Who, while Committing a Traffic Infraction, Cause the Death of Another Person

ONTP

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

LD 1141 proposed to create the crime of vehicular manslaughter, which is defined as causing the death of another person while operating a motor vehicle and committing a traffic infraction. Vehicular manslaughter would have been a strict liability Class D crime.

LD 1152

An Act To Protect Incompetent Dependents

PUBLIC 431

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BLANCHETTE	OTP-AM	H-324

LD 1152 proposed to increase the class of crime for endangering the welfare of an incompetent dependent person to a Class C crime if the endangerment results in serious bodily injury and to a Class B crime if the endangerment results in death.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-324) proposed to replace the bill and to repeal and replace the Class D crime of endangering the welfare of a dependent person with 2 crimes based on the defendant's culpable state of mind. The amendment proposed that a person who intentionally or knowingly endangers the welfare of a dependent person commits a Class C crime, and a person who recklessly endangers the welfare of a dependent person commits a Class D crime.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 431 repeals and replaces the Class D crime of endangering the welfare of a dependent person with 2 crimes based on the defendant's culpable state of mind. A person who intentionally or knowingly endangers the welfare of a dependent person commits a Class C crime, and a person who recklessly endangers the welfare of a dependent person commits a Class D crime.

LD 1164

An Act Regarding the Bureau of State Police, Licensing Division

ONTP

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

LD 1164 proposed to adjust fees collected for issuance and renewal of licenses and permits for games of chance and beano, contract security guard companies, private investigators and firearms. Specifically, the bill proposed to do the following: