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Summaries of bills and adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 123rd Maine Legislature coming from the

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE
AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND ENACTED LAWS



This *Legislative Digest of Bill Summaries and Enacted Laws* summarizes all bills and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 123rd Maine Legislature, which was in session from December 6, 2006 to June 21, 2007.

The *Digest* is arranged alphabetically by committee, and within each committee by LD number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor and lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are summarized and listed by paper number. A subject index is included with each committee. The appendices include a summary of relevant session statistics, an index of all bills by LD number and an index of enacted laws by law type and chapter number.

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:

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 (or Accepted ONTP report).....	Ought Not To Pass report accepted
OTP-ND.....	Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft
P&S XXX.....	Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
PASSED.....	Joint Order passed in both bodies
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 that the effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session is **September 20, 2007**. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure is specified in the enacted law summary for those bills.

Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety

bill also includes in the offense of "aggravated trafficking of scheduled drugs" the offense of trafficking at a residence at which a child of under 18 years of age resides and the basis for the offense is the manufacture or attempt to manufacture methamphetamine, 3, 4 - methylenedioxyamphetamine (MDMA), 3, 4 - methylenedioxyamphetamine (MDA), lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD) or fentanyl. Instead of a minimum mandatory sentence of 4 years for an aggravated trafficking offense that the current law provides, a person convicted under this new provision of manufacturing at a residence with children would be subject to a minimum 10 years of imprisonment.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-124)

This amendment establishes as an aggravating factor in the offense of "trafficking or attempting to traffick in a scheduled drug" manufacturing or an attempt to manufacture methamphetamine, 3, 4 - methylenedioxyamphetamine, 3, 4 - methylenedioxyamphetamine, lysergic acid diethylamide or fentanyl. This makes this offense a Class A crime, which is subject to the current minimum mandatory sentencing alternative of 4 years imprisonment for certain Class A drug offenses. Making the manufacturing of these drugs a Class A crime replaces the provision in the bill that would have made trafficking or attempting to traffick in a schedule W drug at a residence at which a child less than 18 years of age resides and the basis of the offense is manufacturing or an attempt to manufacture a Class A crime subject to a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years imprisonment.

LD 424 was carried over by joint order, H.P. 1369 after being removed from the Special Appropriations Table and recommitted to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety.

LD 446

An Act To Improve the Use of Information Regarding Sex Offenders to Better Ensure Public Safety and Awareness

CARRIED OVER

Sponsor(s)

DIAMOND

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes that the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice do the following:

1. Review compliance and enforcement of sex offender registration laws and identify resources and methods to ensure that all persons required to register do register, verify and update their information as directed;
2. Using other states models for tiered risk assessment and other examples of sex offender classification to learn from, create and adopt a system of classification based on risk to be applied to each person required to register under the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act of 1999 in order to classify sex offenders based on their risk of reoffending and the degree of likelihood that they pose a danger to the community;
3. Create and adopt processes to apply the risk assessment and evaluate its use so that due process concerns are met and each risk assessment analysis provides useful information to those in the criminal justice system and others who receive that information;
4. Educate and support law enforcement so that they can use the sex offender risk assessment information to best inform the public and better ensure public safety; and
5. Review the current list of registerable sex offenses and determine if changes to the current Maine sex offender registry and to the Maine sex offender registry website should be made.

LD 446 was carried over by joint order, H.P. 1369.