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Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND ENACTED LAWS

This *Legislative Digest of Bill Summaries and Enacted Laws* contains summaries of all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 128th Maine Legislature.

The *Digest* is arranged alphabetically by committee and within each committee by Legislative Document (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor and lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each LD title. All adopted amendments are summarized and listed by paper number. A subject index is included with each committee. An appendix provides a summary of relevant session statistics.

Final action on each LD is noted to the right of the LD title. The following describes the various final actions.

CARRIED OVER..... carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature
CON RES XXX..... chapter # of constitutional resolution passed by both houses
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE..... Committee of Conference unable to agree; legislation died
DIED BETWEEN HOUSES..... House & Senate disagreed; legislation died
DIED IN CONCURRENCE..... defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT..... action incomplete when session ended; legislation died
EMERGENCY..... enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment
FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE..... emergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote
FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE..... failed to receive final majority vote
FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENT..... legislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote
HELD BY GOVERNOR..... Governor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session
LEAVE TO WITHDRAW..... sponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY..... ruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died
INDEF PP..... indefinitely postponed; legislation died
ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X... ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died
P&S XXX..... chapter # of enacted private & special law
PUBLIC XXX..... chapter # of enacted public law
RESOLVE XXX..... chapter # of finally passed resolve
VETO SUSTAINED..... Legislature failed to override Governor's veto

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature is Wednesday, November 1, 2017. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure may be found in the enacted law summary for that legislation.

Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety

LD 892 **An Act To Allow an Attorney Responding to an Incident that Involved the Use of Deadly Force To Use Emergency Lights on a Vehicle** **INDEF PP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LANGLEY B		

This bill was not referred to committee.

This bill allows a vehicle operated by an attorney directly involved in and responding to an incident involving the use of deadly force by a law enforcement officer to use a blue light or a combination of blue and white lights and a siren.

LD 908 **An Act Establishing the Crime of Child Abuse in the Maine Criminal Code** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
STEWART H MAKER J	ONTP	

This bill creates the crime of child abuse. Child abuse occurs when a person intentionally, knowingly or recklessly neglects or abuses a child. The sentencing classes for the crime of child abuse range from a Class C crime to a Class A crime, depending on the severity of the abuse and the level of intentionality of the person inflicting the abuse. The bill repeals several provisions regarding endangering the welfare of a child that have been incorporated into the crime of child abuse. It also requires expert testimony from a licensed physician who has completed an accredited residency in psychiatry or a licensed psychologist to establish mental injury in a child abuse case.

LD 918 **An Act Regarding Maine's Criminal Code** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WARREN C DIAMOND B	ONTP	

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to amend the Maine Criminal Code and other laws imposing criminal penalties.

LD 951 **An Act To Adopt the Uniform Act on Prevention of and Remedies for Human Trafficking** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
VOLK A		

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

This bill proposes to adopt a law that is based on the Uniform Act on Prevention of and Remedies for Human Trafficking, the text of which may be found here:

<http://legislature.maine.gov/uploads/originals/uniform-act-on-prevention-of-and-remedies-for-human-traf.pdf>.