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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

medical care provider or firefighter.

This amendment was not adopted.

House Amendment "D" To Committee Amendment "A" (H-551)

This amendment removes the Class B crime added by Committee Amendment "A" of causing bodily injury to a law enforcement officer, emergency medical care provider or firefighter because of that person's status as a law enforcement officer, emergency medical care provider or firefighter. Instead, this amendment makes causing bodily injury to a law enforcement officer, emergency medical care provider or firefighter because of that person's status as a law enforcement officer, emergency medical care provider or firefighter an aggravating factor that must be considered by the court when sentencing a person convicted of assault of a law enforcement officer, emergency medical care provider or firefighter.

This amendment also removes the Class C crime added by Committee Amendment "A" of intentionally or knowingly causing offensive physical contact to a law enforcement officer while that officer is in the performance of the officer's official duties.

This amendment was not adopted.

This bill was reported out of committee and then carried over to the next special or regular session of the 128th Legislature on the Special Appropriations Table by joint order, S.P. 601.

LD 994 An Act To Increase the Class of Crime for Viewing Animal Fighting ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BAILEY D	ONTP	

This bill increases the class of crime for viewing animal fighting from a Class D crime to a Class C crime.

LD 1014 An Act To Require A Person To Notify Law Enforcement Officers of the Possession of a Hypodermic Needle Died Between Houses

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HARRINGTON M MAKER J	OTP-AM ONTP	

This bill makes it a Class D crime for a person to fail to inform a law enforcement officer of the person's possession of a hypodermic apparatus on the person's body during the course of any arrest, detention or routine traffic stop of the person.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-147)

This amendment replaces the bill and, like the bill, it establishes the failure to inform a law enforcement officer of a hypodermic apparatus as a Class D crime. If a person discloses the possession of a hypodermic apparatus as required, the amendment makes the hypodermic apparatus and any contents of the apparatus inadmissible as evidence in a prosecution for a violation of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, chapter 45.

This amendment was not adopted.