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BILL SUMMARY



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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the First Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number and indexed separately by committee.

LD: 578 AN ACT TO MAKE CERTAIN HOUSEKEEPING CHANGES TO THE MAINE CRIMINAL CODE CARPENTER KANE

OTP-AM HOUSE Enacted PUBLIC  
SENATE Enacted CH # 282  
GOV SIGNED

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SUMMARY:

Makes technical amendments to the Criminal Code (corrections of cross-references, etc.) and makes two substantive changes regarding the serving of prison sentences:

1. Specifies who is responsible for making the calculations necessary to administering a state prison sentence; and
2. Specifies that a Maine prison sentence will be served consecutive to a prison sentence of the person in another jurisdiction unless the judge expressly states that the Maine sentence is to be concurrent.

LD: 579 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS RELATING TO ADMISSION TO THE BAR CHALMERS CARPENTER GAUVREAU PRIEST

OTP-AM HOUSE Enacted PUBLIC  
SENATE Enacted CH # 124  
GOV SIGNED

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SUMMARY:

Major change in current law is the addition of a requirement that a person admitted to practice as an attorney must complete, within 18 months after his or her license is issued, a practical skills course approved by the Board of Bar Examiners. Failure to complete the course within the time allowed will result in the invalidation of the license to practice law until the course is completed.

Also deletes the current requirement that a person be domiciled in Maine before he or she may be admitted to the Maine bar, a requirement recently declared unconstitutional by the U. S. Supreme Court.