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**ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION BEFORE
THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES**

AUGUST 1995

This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature. The volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries. The publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, is helpful in determining to which committee any particular bill was referred.

In this document, the committee report or reports, the prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor in each house if one has been designated are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number, together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the right of the title. Various categories of final action are abbreviated as follows:

<i>CARRIED OVER</i>	<i>Bill carried over to Second Session</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i>	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<i>ONTP</i>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<i>P&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. If more detailed information is needed on a bill, contact the committee analyst.

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-48) would have added an allocation section and a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 112 **An Act to Require that Notification be Distributed Prior to the Release of a Convicted Child Molester** ONTP

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
JOY ONTP

SUMMARY

This bill would have required notification to persons residing in a neighborhood where a discharged sex offender, whose victim was less than 16 years of age, intended to reside. Notification would have had to include a picture of the sex offender.

The issue of public notification of sex offenders released from jail has been carried over into the 2nd Regular Session. LD 1510, "An Act to Make Comprehensive Changes to the Sex Offender Laws," will be used to incorporate all potential changes.

LD 117 **An Act to Require Mandatory HIV Testing for Assailants of Law Enforcement Officers** ONTP

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
CLUKEY ONTP

SUMMARY

This bill would have created a court procedure through which a law enforcement officer who had been exposed to the blood or body fluids of a person in custody could have sought to have that person submit to HIV testing.

If a law enforcement officer were exposed to the blood or body fluids of a person in the law enforcement officer's custody, or of a person the law enforcement officer was taking into custody or attempting to take into custody, and the person in custody refused to voluntarily consent to testing, the law enforcement officer could have petitioned the court to have the court order the person in custody to submit to HIV testing.

The law enforcement officer would not have been able to petition the court unless the following conditions were met:

1. The law enforcement officer obtained an HIV test immediately following that exposure;
2. The exposure as alleged created a significant risk of HIV infection as defined by the rules of the Department of Human Services;
3. Written consent from the person in custody was properly sought; and
4. Written informed consent was not given by the person in custody.

The court would have had to then hold a hearing, and if it determined that the conditions were met, the court would have had discretion to order the person in custody to submit to HIV testing. The results would have then been given to the law enforcement officer. Pretest and post-test counseling would have been required for the law enforcement officer; counseling for the person in custody would also have had to be offered.