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**STATE OF MAINE
118TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

JULY 1997

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**ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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**Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
August 1997**

We are pleased to provide this summary of bills that were considered by the 15 Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature staffed by this office. The document is a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill, committee amendments and other relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken on the bill. Also included are statistical summaries of bill activity this Session for the Legislature and each of its joint standing committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills handled by the joint standing committees. It is organized alphabetically by committees and within committees by bill (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed by paper number. Two indices, a subject index and a numerical index by LD number are provided for easy reference to bills. They are located at the back of the document. A separate publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, may also be helpful in providing information on the disposition of bills. These bill summaries also are available at the Law and Legislative Reference Library and on the Internet (www.state.me.us/legis/opla).

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:

- CARRIED OVER*.....*Bill carried over to Second Regular Session*
- 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*
- INDEF PP*.....*Bill Indefinitely Postponed*
- ONTP*.....*Ought Not To Pass report accepted*
- OTP ND*.....*Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft*
- OTP ND/NT*.....*Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title*
- P&S XXX*.....*Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law*
- 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 the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is June 26, 1997 and September 19, 1997 for the First Special Session.

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Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice

LD 9

An Act to Amend the Criminal Code Concerning the Crime of Assault on an Officer

PUBLIC 67

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report
OTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 9 proposed to eliminate the requirement that a criminal complaint for the crime of assault on a law enforcement officer be initiated by the chief administrative officer of the law enforcement agency or facility in which the officer against whom the assault was allegedly committed is a member or is assigned. This bill was proposed by the Criminal Law Advisory Commission.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 67 eliminates the requirement that a criminal complaint for the crime of assault on a law enforcement officer be initiated by the chief administrative officer of the law enforcement agency or facility in which the officer against whom the assault was allegedly committed is a member or is assigned.

LD 36

An Act to Criminalize Certain Photographing of Children

OTP-ND-NT

Sponsor(s)
SMALL
PEAVEY

Committee Report
OTP-ND-NT

Amendments Adopted

LD 36 proposed to establish the Class D crime of visual exploitation of a child. A person would have been guilty of visual exploitation of a child if that person photographed or video recorded a minor for the purpose of arousing or gratifying that person's sexual desire.

See LD 1892, An Act to Criminalize Certain Photographing of Children Under the Clothing of a Person in a Public Place by Mechanical or Electronic Equipment, which is LD 36 passed in a new draft.

LD 47

An Act Concerning the Responsibility of Prisoners for Family Support

PUBLIC 41

Sponsor(s)
WHEELER E
FERGUSON

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
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