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**STATE OF MAINE
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**FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES
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ON
CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

JULY 1997

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**ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR AND FIRST SPECIAL SESSIONS**

**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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LD 384**An Act to Amend the Operating Under the Influence Laws to Discern whether an Offender Was Served Alcohol at a Licensed Establishment**

ONTP

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

LD 384 proposed to authorize police officers to ask a person arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicants, and the courts to ask persons convicted of driving under the influence of intoxicants, if the person had been served alcohol at a licensed establishment and, if so, the name and location of the establishment. The bill proposed to require officers to include any information that they obtained in their accident reports and to require the courts to forward all information to the Bureau of Liquor Enforcement, the Office of the Attorney General, the district attorney for the district in which the establishment was located and the establishment itself.

LD 427**An Act to Prohibit the Selling of Children**

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KILKELLY MADORE	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

LD 427 proposed to expand the definition of endangering the welfare of a child to include selling or attempting to sell a child. This bill also proposed to expand the grounds for termination of parental rights to include selling or attempting to sell a child.

Committee Amendment “A” (S-250) was the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice. The amendment proposed that a person had to have parental rights and duties with respect to a child in order to be guilty of selling that child. The amendment also proposed that to be guilty of selling a child a person would have to sell the child for the purpose of receiving money or anything else of value. Legally authorized adoptions would have been exempt.

LD 467**An Act to Allow Individuals to Participate in Training at the Criminal Justice Academy**

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
STANLEY MICHAUD	ONTP	

LD 467 proposed to eliminate the cost to municipal and county law enforcement agencies of sending new officers to the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. The bill would have precluded those agencies from hiring, after January 1, 1998, anyone who had not already attended the academy. The bill also proposed to require persons attending the academy while not on the payroll of a law enforcement agency to pay all costs associated with attending.