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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**  
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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](http://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:

<i>CARRIED OVER</i> .....	<i>Bill carried over to Second Regular 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 &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED IN CONCURRENCE</i> .....	<i>One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill</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/FINAL PASSAGE</i> .....	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</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>OTP ND</i> .....	<i>Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft</i>
<i>OTP ND/NT</i> .....	<i>Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title</i>
<i>P&amp;S XXX</i> .....	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i> .....	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i> .....	<i>Chapter # of finally passed Resolve</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i> .....	<i>Bill held by Governor</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i> .....	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>

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 1324 was a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. The resolve proposed to establish a commission to evaluate and review sentencing guidelines to ensure that they are fair and reasonable.

**LD 1354**                      **An Act to Transfer the Responsibility for the Certification of Battersers' Intervention Programs to the Department of Corrections**                      **PUBLIC 292**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PEAVEY KILKELLY	OTP-AM	H-406

LD 1354 proposed to transfer the responsibility for the certification of batterers' intervention programs from the Department of Public Safety to the Department of Corrections.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-406)** proposed that rules adopted by the Department of Corrections pursuant to the batterers' intervention programs would be major substantive rules and proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

*Enacted law summary*

Public Law 1997, chapter 292 transfers the responsibility for the certification of batterers' intervention programs from the Department of Public Safety to the Department of Corrections.

**LD 1396**                      **An Act to Provide for Shock Incarceration of Juveniles**                      **ONTP**

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

LD 1396 proposed to establish the Shock Incarceration Program as a new sentencing alternative for juveniles who are 17 years of age. A person sentenced to the program would have had to complete the incarceration portion of the sentence in a facility providing intensive regimentation and discipline patterned after military basic training.

**LD 1402**                      **An Act to Establish the Civil Violation of Creating a Police Standoff**                      **PUBLIC 426**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LEMKE	OTP-AM	H-470 H-676 POVICH

LD 1402 proposed to establish the civil offense of creating a police standoff. The bill would have required that restitution be made in an amount equal to the greater of \$500 or the direct costs incurred by the law enforcement agency or agencies that responded to the standoff.