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**STATE OF MAINE
118TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES
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ON
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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 1573

An Act to Establish Penalty for Violation of Compulsory School Attendance

ONTP

Sponsor(s)
SAVAGE

Committee Report
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 1573 proposed to amend the truancy laws. The bill would have repealed the civil enforcement sections and would have specified that an adult commits a Class E crime if the adult had control of and was primarily responsible for a person who is habitually truant.

LD 1592

An Act to Require Post-release Supervision of Prisoners Who Are Identified as High-risk Offenders **CARRIED OVER**

Sponsor(s)
BUNKER

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

LD 1592 allows the courts to sentence to a period of post-release supervision a person who commits a violent or sexual offense for which the person is sentenced to an unsuspended term of imprisonment of at least one year if the court determines that the person is at high risk of being a repeat offender. The bill also sets out the parameters of the post-release supervision and its termination.

The bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 118th Legislature.

LD 1618

An Act to Require That Handguns Sold in the State Be Equipped with Child-proof Trigger Locks

ONTP

Sponsor(s)
MUSE
RAND

Committee Report
ONTP MAJ
OTP-AM MIN

Amendments Adopted

LD 1618 proposed to prohibit firearm dealers from selling handguns unless the guns were equipped with trigger locks.

LD 1629

An Act to Include Possession of a Dangerous Weapon as Grounds for Expulsion of a Student

PUBLIC 298

Sponsor(s)
GOLDTHWAIT

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
S-251

LD 1629 proposed to make the manufacture, sale, purchase or possession of throwing stars a Class D crime.