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**STATE OF MAINE
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ON
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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing and Select Committees
August 1999

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

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is organized 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
ENACTMENT FAILED..... Bill failed to get vote required for enactment or final passage
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY..... Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died
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 September 18, 1999.

period authorized depends upon the class of the gross sexual assault for which the person is convicted (up to 10 years for a Class A section 253 violation and up to 6 years for a Class B or Class C section 253 violation). Additionally, as is true of the dangerous sexual offender group, the time of additional imprisonment to serve may equal all or part of the period of supervised release with no credit being given for any time actually served on supervised release, but may not exceed 1/3 of the straight term of imprisonment imposed.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-279) proposes to strike sections 2 and 3 of the bill and changes the history line of section 5 of the bill to account for changes made by Public Law 1999, chapter 24, sections 2 and 3. The amendment also proposes to add a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 308 was recommitted to committee and carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.

LD 322

An Act to Amend the OUI Laws Related to License Suspensions

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> BENOIT		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 322 proposed to allow second-time and third-time OUI offenders to receive work-restricted licenses upon a showing of need and that those offenders have completed concrete steps in rehabilitation. The bill proposed to require second-time and third-time OUI offenders with work-restricted licenses to display a decal visible to other motorists and to submit to random stops and testing by law enforcement personnel.

LD 338

An Act to Strengthen Manslaughter and Homicide Penalties When the Victim is Under 16 Years of Age

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> WATERHOUSE CAREY		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 338 proposed to amend the crime of murder to include causing the death of a child by engaging in a pattern or practice of assault or torture of the child. A similar bill, LD 474, An Act Relating to the Crime of Murder and to the Murder of Children, was carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.

LD 344

An Act to Make a Traffic Infraction That Results in Bodily Injury to the Offending Driver or Another Person a Class E Crime

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> GOOLEY AMERO		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 344 proposed to make traffic infractions that result in bodily injury to the operator or another person a Class E crime.