

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE
119TH LEGISLATURE**

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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ON
CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

JULY 1999

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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.

LD 1095

**An Act to Expand the Geographic Availability of the Supervised
Community Confinement Program**

CARRIED OVER

Sponsor(s)
SIROIS

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

LD 1095 proposes to require the Commissioner of Corrections to ensure that the supervised community confinement program is operational in all geographic regions of the State.

This bill has been carried over to the Second Regular Session.

LD 1096

An Act to Make Schools Safer

INDEF PP

Sponsor(s)
COLWELL

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

LD 1096 proposed to increase the penalty for assault, criminal threatening and terrorizing from a Class D crime to a Class C crime and criminal trespass from a Class E crime to a Class D crime if any of the offenses occur on school grounds. This bill was not referred to committee.

LD 1140

An Act to Protect Cemeteries

ONTP

Sponsor(s)
SNOWE-MELLO
DAVIS P

Committee Report
ONTP MAJ
OTP MIN

Amendments Adopted

LD 1140 proposed to require a mandatory minimum sentence for a person convicted of vandalizing a cemetery. As proposed, if the violator is a minor, the court must require the violator or the violator's family to pay restitution and require the violator to perform eight hours of community service per week for the cemetery for two consecutive summers following the conviction; if the violator is an adult, the court must require the violator to pay restitution and to perform five hours of community service for the cemetery per week for one year.

LD 1145

**An Act to Increase the Penalties for Persons in Possession of Crack
Cocaine in Conformity with the Penalties for Similarly Dangerous Drugs**

ONTP