

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE  
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**Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees**  
**July 2000**

We are pleased to provide this summary of 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](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:

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  
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 Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is August 11, 2000.

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**LD 1803****An Act to Revoke Probation and Require Incarceration for Repeated Domestic Abuse**

ONTP

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

LD 1803 proposed to require probation officers to arrest and bring a motion to revoke the probation of a person who, while on probation, commits a criminal violation of a protection from abuse order issued against that person. The bill also proposed to require the court to revoke probation if the court found by a preponderance of the evidence that the person committed the crime.

**LD 1858****An Act to Amend the Possession of Firearms by Felons**

ONTP

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

LD 1858 proposed to prohibit the use, possession and control of a firearm by a person convicted of certain Class D or Class E crimes involving domestic violence. As proposed, the prohibition would last until the person served the sentence resulting from the conviction.

The bill proposed that a crime of domestic violence is defined as a crime in which:

1. The person used or attempted to use physical force, or threatened to use a deadly weapon; and
2. The person and the victim have or had a family-like relationship. Specifically, the person committing the crime must be a current or former spouse, parent or guardian of the victim; a person with whom the victim has a child; or a person who is cohabiting with or has cohabited with the victim as a spouse, parent or guardian or has a similar relationship.

In addition, the bill proposed that the person who was convicted must have had the assistance of counsel in the proceeding or must have knowingly and intelligently waived the assistance of counsel. The bill proposed that if the person had a right to a jury trial for the domestic violence prosecution, then the case must have been tried by a jury or the person must have knowingly and intelligently waived the right to a trial by jury.

**LD 1899****Resolve, to Require the Department of Public Safety to Study the Security and Protection of State Government Employees**

ONTP

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