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*State Of Maine
120th Legislature*

First Regular Session

Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Criminal Justice*

August 2001

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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
August 2001

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing 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 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*
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 First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is **September 21, 2001**.

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Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice

LD 1434

An Act to Amend the Maine Criminal Code to Reduce the Incentive to Commit Theft

PUBLIC 389

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MURPHY T		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-202
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LD 1434 proposed to lower the monetary threshold for the classification of theft crimes. This bill proposed to bring the monetary threshold in line with those of other New England states. This bill also would have treated theft and burglary thresholds in a more equal manner.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-202) replaced the bill. The amendment proposed to lower the monetary threshold for the classification of theft crimes to previous standards for Class C, D and E crimes. These standards were amended by the First Regular Session of the 117th Legislature. This amendment proposed to bring the monetary threshold in line with those of other New England states and to treat the theft and burglary thresholds in a more equal manner. The amendment also proposed to add a fiscal note.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 389 lowers the monetary threshold for the classification of theft crimes to previous standards for Class C, D and E crimes. These standards were amended by the First Regular Session of the 117th Legislature. Public Law 2001, chapter 389 brings the monetary threshold in line with those of other New England states and treats the theft and burglary thresholds in a more equal manner.

LD 1443

An Act to Make Adultery Illegal

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> KASPRZAK		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1443 proposed to make adultery a Class D crime. Adultery is defined as engaging in a sexual act with a person not the actor's spouse when either the actor is married, or the actor is not married and knows the other person is married.

LD 1462

Resolve, Establishing a Criminal Code Revision Commission

**DIED ON
ADJOURNMENT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> POVICH MCALEVEY		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-261
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