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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](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:

<i>CARRIED OVER</i> .....	<i>Bill Carried Over to Second Regular Session</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i> .....	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i> .....	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i> .....	<i>House &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED IN CONCURRENCE</i> .....	<i>One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i> .....	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i> .....	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i> .....	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i> .....	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i> .....	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY</i> .....	<i>Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i> .....	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<i>ONTP</i> .....	<i>Ought Not To Pass report accepted</i>
<i>OTP ND</i> .....	<i>Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft</i>
<i>OTP ND/NT</i> .....	<i>Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title</i>
<i>P&amp;S XXX</i> .....	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i> .....	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i> .....	<i>Chapter # of finally passed Resolve</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i> .....	<i>Bill held by Governor</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i> .....	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>

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 1620 was carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 120<sup>th</sup> Legislature.

**LD 1623**

### **An Act Concerning the Formation of the Central Maine Regional Public Safety Communication Center**

**PUBLIC 290**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> O'BRIEN J		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-389
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LD 1623 proposed to amend the Central Maine Regional Public Safety Communication Center by designating the center as a governmental entity. The bill also proposed to direct the board of directors to nominate one candidate to serve as executive director who must be approved and appointed by the Commissioner of Public Safety. The bill also proposed to change the effective date of the original Act.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-389)** This amendment proposed to repeal Private and Special Law 1999, Chapter 85 that enables the establishment of the Central Maine Regional Public Safety Communication Center and to place that enabling language in a new chapter of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 25, permitting the establishment of the center within the Department of Public Safety. Creation of the center is contingent upon participation by the Maine State Police. This amendment proposed to make the director of the center subject to appointment and dismissal by the Commissioner of Public Safety. The amendment proposed to provide that the enabling chapter is effective only if the Maine State Police and at least one eligible local government agree to participate.

#### *Enacted law summary*

Public Law 2001, chapter 290 repeals Private and Special Law 1999, Chapter 85 that enables the establishment of the Central Maine Regional Public Safety Communication Center and places that enabling language in a new chapter of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 25, permitting the establishment of the center within the Department of Public Safety. Creation of the center is contingent upon participation by the Maine State Police. The director of the center is subject to appointment and dismissal by the Commissioner of Public Safety. The enabling chapter is effective only if the Maine State Police and at least one eligible local government agree to participate.

**LD 1657**

### **An Act to Improve Emergency Medical Services by Expanding the Pool of Qualified Emergency Medical Services Personnel**

**CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> POVICH		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1657 proposed to repeal the requirement that, prior to being licensed as an emergency medical services person, a person must be sponsored by a Maine licensed ambulance service or nontransporting emergency medical service.

LD 1657 was carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 120<sup>th</sup> Legislature.