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Bill Summaries

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on
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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing and joint 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 arranged alphabetically by committee name 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:

<i>CARRIED OVER PURSUANT TO HP 1212</i>	<i>Bills carried over to the 2nd 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 & 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>P&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
<i>PASSED</i>	<i>Joint Order passed in both bodies</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 that the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is September 13, 2003.

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Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety

LD 618

An Act To Allow Municipalities To Hire Full-time Humane Law Enforcement Officers

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> LAFOUNTAIN SULLIVAN	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 618 proposed to allow municipalities to hire full-time humane law enforcement officers whose responsibilities would be investigating and enforcing the animal welfare laws. The bill proposed to allow these officers to serve civil and criminal summons, to make arrests and to carry firearms. The bill also proposed to require that humane law enforcement officers undergo the same law enforcement training as harbor masters and municipal shellfish conservation wardens.

LD 635

An Act Creating Residency Requirements for Sexually Violent Predators

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> O'BRIEN J DAGGETT	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 635 proposed to prohibit sexually violent predators from residing within 500 feet of an elementary school, licensed day care center, playground or any other place where children are likely to gather.

LD 636

An Act To Improve Highway Safety Regarding Methadone

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MAIETTA	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 636 proposed to affirm that methadone is a drug under the criminal operating-under-the-influence statutes and require a person taking methadone to inform a law enforcement officer if the officer stops that person while the person is driving.

LD 638

An Act To Discourage Driving While under the Influence of Methadone

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MAIETTA	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 638 proposed to make a methadone clinic civilly and criminally liable for the bodily injury or death of a person resulting from an accident caused by a driver under the influence of methadone issued to that driver by the clinic.