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*State Of Maine  
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*First Regular Session and  
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*Bill Summaries*

*Joint Standing Committee  
on  
Criminal Justice and Public Safety*

*August 2005*

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Summary of Legislation Considered by the Joint Standing Committees
August 2005

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. A subject index for each committee is included immediately before the bill summaries for that committee, and a numerical index by LD number is included 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 June 29, 2005; and for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Special Session is September 17, 2005.

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4. A person whose firearm was located inside a motor vehicle if that person was otherwise lawfully entitled to possess that firearm.

This amendment was not adopted.

### **LD 348**                      **An Act To Expand the Home-release Monitoring Program for a Person with a Terminal Illness**                      **PUBLIC 68**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> GERZOFSKY STRIMLING	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-120
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LD 348 proposed to amend the supervised community confinement program to expand the options for release to the community of a prisoner who is terminally ill when the release is medically appropriate. The bill proposed to allow a prisoner to be transferred to a private residence with in-home medical hospice care, subject to approval by the Commissioner of Corrections.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-120)** proposed to expand the options for release to the community of a county jail inmate who is terminally ill when the release is medically appropriate. The amendment proposed to allow a county jail inmate to be transferred to a private residence with in-home medical hospice care, subject to approval by the sheriff. This amendment also proposed to make technical changes to the bill.

#### ***Enacted law summary***

Public Law 2005, chapter 68 amends the supervised community confinement program to expand the options for release to the community of a prisoner who is terminally ill when the release is medically appropriate. Public Law 2005, chapter 68 allows a prisoner to be transferred to a private residence with in-home medical hospice care, subject to approval by the Commissioner of Corrections. Public Law 2005, chapter 68 also amends the home-release monitoring program to expand the options for release to the community of a county jail inmate who is terminally ill when the release is medically appropriate. Public Law 2005, chapter 68 allows a county jail inmate to be transferred to a private residence with in-home medical hospice care, subject to approval by the sheriff.

### **LD 351**                      **An Act To Provide the Portland Harbor Commission with the Authority To Arrest**                      **P & S 4**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> BLISS BARTLETT	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-98
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LD 351 proposed to give the Portland Harbor Commission the power to arrest, making its powers consistent with those of other harbor commissions around the State.

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**Committee Amendment "A" (H-98)** proposed to clarify that the Portland Harbor Commission harbor master not only enjoys all the authority of harbor master with general law, but is subject to all the same duties and liabilities of harbor masters.

### *Enacted law summary*

Private and Special Law 2005, chapter 4 gives the Portland Harbor Commission the power to arrest, making its powers consistent with those of other harbor commissions around the State. Private and Special Law 2005, chapter 4 specifies that the Portland Harbor Commission harbor master not only enjoys all the authority of harbor master with general law, but is subject to all the same duties and liabilities of harbor masters.

**LD 357**

**An Act Regarding Bail Conditions**

**PUBLIC 449**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GROSE STRIMLING	OTP-AM	H-322

LD 357 proposed to amend the Maine Bail Code by:

1. Allowing as a condition of bail that a person enter and remain in a long-term residential facility for substance abuse. The bill proposed that a violation of this condition by a person whose underlying crime is punishable by a year or more in prison is a Class C crime; and
2. Allowing a judge or justice to revoke an order of preconviction bail that has been set by a bail commissioner.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-322)** proposed to renumber the new bail condition in the bill that a person enter and remain in a long-term residential facility for substance abuse so that it would follow a similar preconviction bail condition for treatment and precede the general provision that allows for any other condition reasonably necessary in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 15, section 1026, subsection 3, paragraph A, subparagraph (18). The amendment also proposed to clarify the provision regarding revocation of a preconviction bail order. Specifically, the amendment proposed to authorize a judge or justice to revoke the preconviction bail order of a bail commissioner and also to authorize a judge or justice to revoke preconviction bail entered by another judge or justice of the same court.

### *Enacted law summary*

Public Law 2005, chapter 449 amends the Bail Code by:

3. Allowing as a condition of bail that a person enter and remain in a long-term residential facility for substance abuse. A violation of this condition by a person whose underlying crime is punishable by a year or more in prison is a Class C crime; and
4. Authorizing a judge or justice to revoke the preconviction bail order of a bail commissioner and authorizing a judge or justice to revoke preconviction bail entered by another judge or justice of the same court.