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Summaries of bills and adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 123rd Maine Legislature coming from the

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND ENACTED LAWS



This *Legislative Digest of Bill Summaries and Enacted Laws* summarizes all bills and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 123rd Maine Legislature, which was in session from December 6, 2006 to June 21, 2007.

The *Digest* is arranged alphabetically by committee, and within each committee by LD number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor and lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are summarized and listed by paper number. A subject index is included with each committee. The appendices include a summary of relevant session statistics, an index of all bills by LD number and an index of enacted laws by law type and chapter number.

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 (or Accepted ONTP report).....	Ought Not To Pass report accepted
OTP-ND.....	Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft
P&S XXX.....	Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
PASSED.....	Joint Order passed in both bodies
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 that the effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session is **September 20, 2007**. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure is specified in the enacted law summary for those bills.

Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety

LD 3

An Act To Strengthen "Permissible Inference" in the Law Concerning Dissemination of Sexually Explicit Material

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SYKES		H-20

This bill changes the number of copies of sexually explicit material depicting minors from ten to two copies in order to give rise to a permissible inference under the Maine Rules of Evidence of intent to distribute. Possession of sexually explicit materials is a Class D crime, while dissemination of sexually explicit materials is a Class C crime.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-20)

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment removes the emergency clause and preamble and specifies that, for purposes of dissemination of sexually explicit materials, possession of two or more copies of the same book, magazine, newspaper, print, negative, slide, motion picture, videotape, computer data file or other mechanically, electronically or chemically reproduced visual image or material gives rise to a permissible inference under the Maine Rules of Evidence, Rule 303 that the person who possesses those items has the intent to disseminate them.

LD 3 was carried over by joint order, H.P. 1369 after being removed from the Special Appropriations Table and recommitted to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety.

LD 32

An Act To Create a Regional Jail System BY REQUEST

ONTP

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

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to require county governments to create regional jails and to share the costs of building and maintaining those regional jails. Existing county jails would be used to hold persons prior to conviction.

LD 45

An Act To Place Lifetime Restraining Orders on Violent Sex Offenders and Predatory Sex Offenders

ONTP

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

This bill establishes the authority of the court to issue a standing criminal restraining order that applies to persons convicted of certain sex offenses. The standing criminal restraining order takes effect when the defendant is released from confinement and continues until modified or revoked by the court for good cause shown. The order may include, but is not limited to, enjoining the defendant from residing within 10 miles of the victim's residence or within 10 miles of where the offense occurred. Violation of the order is a Class D crime. The standing criminal restraining order is available to the court for gross sexual assault crimes as well as any sexual assaults in which the actor is at least 18 years of age and the victim is under 12.