

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
123<sup>RD</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION



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

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

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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 123<sup>rd</sup> 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*

test at the request of a law enforcement officer, a period of incarceration of not less than one year and 3 months; and a court-ordered suspension of a driver's license for life.

### **Committee Amendment "A" (S-98)**

This amendment specifies that the new Class B crime of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence 6 or more times is limited by a 15-year look back period, which is 5 years more than the current look back period for operating under the influence offenses but less than the lifetime look back proposed in the bill.

LD 280 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 294 An Act Concerning Posting the Registry of Convicted Sex Offenders**

**ONTP**

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

This bill requires municipal law enforcement agencies to post at their departments the most current sex offender registry of registrants who are domiciled, reside, are employed or attend college or school within the posting law enforcement agency's jurisdiction. The bill also requires municipalities that do not have law enforcement agencies to post at the municipal office the most current sex offender registry of registrants who are domiciled, reside, are employed or attend college or school within the municipality.

### **LD 295 An Act To Increase the Fines for Littering**

**ACCEPTED ONTP  
REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CRESSEY	ONTP MAJ OTP MIN	

This bill increases the fines for littering as follows.

1. For disposal of 15 lbs. or less or 27 cubic feet or less, the fine is increased from not less than \$100 and not more than \$500 to not less than \$200 and not more than \$600.
2. For disposal of the same amount above (1) after having previously violated the same provision, the fine is increased from not less than \$200 and not more than \$500 to not less than \$300 and not more than \$600.
3. For disposal of more than 15 lbs. or more than 27 cubic feet, the fine is increased from not less than \$200 and not more than \$500 to not less than \$300 and not more than \$600.
4. For disposal of the same amount above (3) after having previously violated the same provision, the fine is increased from not less than \$500 and not more than \$1,000 to not less than \$600 and not more than \$1,500.