

# 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*

**LD 1326    An Act To Increase Civil Penalties for Violations of Fire Code Laws  
Applicable to Fire Escape Installment and Maintenance**

**PUBLIC 258**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HASKELL	OTP	

This bill provides that a person, firm or organization that violates the law pertaining to the installment and maintenance of fire escapes commits a civil violation for which a fine of not more than \$500 may be assessed.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2007, chapter 258 provides that a person, firm or organization that violates the law pertaining to the installment and maintenance of fire escapes commits a civil violation for which a fine of not more than \$500 may be assessed.

**LD 1332    An Act Regarding Tobacco Products in Jails**

**ONTP**

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

This bill changes the offense of trafficking of tobacco in adult correctional facilities from a Class E crime to a civil violation.

**LD 1351    An Act To Promote Postsecondary Education Opportunities for  
Juveniles under the Care of the Department of Corrections**

**ONTP**

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

This bill makes ongoing appropriations of \$5,000 annually to the Long Creek Youth Development Center and the Mountain View Youth Development Center in the State to provide postsecondary education opportunities to juveniles residing in those facilities. The bill gives the Commissioner of Corrections authority to administer the program and to pay for courses and related expenses for qualifying juveniles and direction to adopt routine technical rules.

**LD 1384    An Act To Rename and Specifically Identify Sex Crimes**

**ONTP**

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

This bill changes the name of 2 sex crimes from "gross sexual assault" and "sexual abuse of a minor" to "rape" and "child molestation." The bill also requires the Department of Public Safety, State Bureau of Identification to distribute information contained in the sex offender registry to town clerks of towns that do not have police departments. The bill also requires a law enforcement agency to notify the bureau by e-mail if the law enforcement agency has a registrant in its custody.