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Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed during the Second Regular Session of the 124th 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 Second Regular Session of the 124th Maine Legislature.

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:

<i>CARRIED OVER</i>	<i>Carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature</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 HOUSES</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; bill died</i>
<i>ONTP (or Accepted ONTP report)</i>	<i>Ought Not To Pass report accepted; bill died</i>
<i>P&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</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>

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature is Monday, July 12, 2010. 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 568 An Act To Amend the Sex Offender Registration Laws

ONTP

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

LD 568 was carried over to any special or regular session of the 124th Legislature by joint order, House Paper 1053.

This bill implements recommendations for immediate legislative changes to the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act of 1999, as recommended by the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety in its Final Report of the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee Study of Sex Offender Registration Laws in November 2008.

The bill amends the crime of prohibited contact with a minor by repealing the element that the person has a duty to register under the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act of 1999 and by making the law applicable only to those persons convicted on or after June 30, 1992. The fact that a person must previously have been convicted of a Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, chapter 11 or chapter 12 offense against a victim who had not attained 14 years of age is material to the commission of the crime of prohibited contact with a minor. The bill also specifies that the person must initiate the direct or indirect contact with another person who has not attained 14 years of age.

The bill repeals from the sentencing provisions the directive that a court order a person convicted of a sex offense or a sexually violent offense to satisfy all requirements of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act of 1999. This change clarifies that the Legislature determines that a duty to register exists based on the conviction and that the court's duty is only to notify the person of that duty.

The bill repeals from the probation provisions the directive that a court attach as a condition of probation that a person convicted of a sex offense or a sexually violent offense satisfy all requirements of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act of 1999. The court has discretion to order any condition of probation reasonably related to the rehabilitation of the convicted person or the public safety or security, including satisfying registration requirements if appropriate.

The bill amends that part of the definition of "lifetime registrant" in the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act of 1999 that pertains to persons classified as lifetime registrants because of having multiple convictions for sex offenses to clarify that the changes made by Public Law 2005, chapter 423 operate prospectively. For persons convicted and sentenced on or after September 17, 2005, the definition remains unchanged except for technical drafting changes. For persons convicted and sentenced before September 17, 2005, the amendment changes the definition of "another conviction" to mean an offense for which sentence was imposed prior to the occurrence of the new offense. This change would undo the expansion of 10-year registrants who became lifetime registrants with the 2005 change, including those registrants whose duty to register had ended prior to that change.

Changes proposed in LD 568 were enacted in Public Law 2009, chapter 365 during the First Regular Session of the 124th Legislature. LD 568 was considered as a vehicle for additional amendments to the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act of 1999 during the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature, but changes to the SORNA of 1999 were adopted only in the committee bill, LD 1822, An Act to Further Amend

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the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act of 1999. LD 1822 was reported out of committee as a unanimous ought to pass report and went straight to the floor. LD 1822, now Public Law 2009, chapter 570, was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 30, 2010.

LD 791 An Act To Prohibit Furnishing a Place for Minors To Use Illegal Drugs

**DIED ON
ADJOURNMENT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RAYE	OTP-AM	S-364

This bill prohibits the furnishing of a place for minors to use illegal drugs. A person is guilty of furnishing a minor a place to use scheduled drugs, imitation scheduled drugs or counterfeit drugs if that person knowingly furnishes a minor a place to use scheduled drugs, imitation scheduled drugs or counterfeit drugs. Violation of the offense would be a Class B crime if the violation involves a counterfeit drug or a schedule W drug, a Class C crime if the violation involves a schedule X, Y or Z drug and a Class D crime if the violation involves an imitation scheduled drug.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-193)

This amendment was adopted during the First Regular Session of the 124th Legislature. The amendment replaces the bill and mirrors the penalties for furnishing a place for a minor to consume alcohol in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 28-A, section 2081. For purposes of this new crime, a minor is a person under 21 years of age. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

LD 791 was recommitted to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety after being removed from the Special Appropriations Table and was subsequently carried over to any special or regular session of the 124th Legislature by joint order, House Paper 1053.

Committee Amendment "B" (S-364)

This amendment was adopted by the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature. This intent of this amendment is the same as Committee Amendment "A." Committee Amendment "B" replaces the bill and mirrors the penalties for furnishing a place for a minor to consume alcohol in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 28-A, section 2081. For purposes of this new crime, a minor is a person under 21 years of age. The amendment is drafted to comply with Maine Criminal Code drafting standards for prior convictions, including violations for conduct that is substantially similar and committed in another jurisdiction. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

This bill and its accompanying amendment were referred to the Special Appropriations Table and died on adjournment.

LD 1139 An Act To Require Internet Service Providers To Retain Records

ONTP

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