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**STATE OF MAINE**  
124<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION



Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 124<sup>th</sup> Maine Legislature coming from the

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
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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 124<sup>th</sup> 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:

CARRIED OVER.....	Carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature
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; bill died
ONTP (or Accepted ONTP report).....	Ought Not To Pass report accepted; bill died
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

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 124<sup>th</sup> Legislature is September 12, 2009. 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 591      An Act Regarding the Granting of a Work-restricted Driver's License for Travel to and from Work for Certain Persons with Suspended Licenses** **ONTP**

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

This bill proposes that the Secretary of State may issue a work-restricted license to a person who has been enrolled for at least 6 months in an alcohol and drug program administered by the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Substance Abuse or has satisfactorily completed such a program, has installed a global positioning system approved by the Secretary of State in the motor vehicle the petitioner operates and has provided the Secretary of State with the petitioner's residential address and the petitioner's place of employment or the educational facility attended by the petitioner, whichever is applicable.

**LD 594      An Act To Require That Police Reports Be Filed in All Automobile Accidents** **ONTP**

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

This bill amends the definition of "reportable accident" by removing the requirement that a traffic accident must have apparent property damage of \$1,000 or more to be reportable. As proposed, a "reportable accident" would mean an accident on a public way or a place where public traffic may reasonably be anticipated, resulting in bodily injury or death to a person or apparent property damage.

**LD 595      An Act To Prevent High-speed Chases** **ONTP**

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

This bill creates a new motor vehicle infraction "unlawful use" that allows a law enforcement officer, rather than engaging in a high-speed chase, to issue a summons to an offender for an observed violation. If the operator is not determined, the owner of the registered vehicle may be summonsed for the observed violation. The registered owner of the vehicle may also be charged with the offense of allowing unlawful use, whether the owner was in the vehicle or not, that is subject to a fine of \$500.