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Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

**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 LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 125th Maine Legislature.

The *Digest* is arranged alphabetically by committee and within each committee by Legislative Document (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor and lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each LD 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 LD is noted to the right of the LD title. The following describes the various final actions.

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; legislation died
DIED BETWEEN HOUSES..... House & Senate disagreed; legislation died
DIED IN CONCURRENCE..... defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT..... action incomplete when session ended; legislation died
EMERGENCY..... enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment
FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE emergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote
FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE..... failed to receive final majority vote
FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENT legislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote
HELD BY GOVERNOR..... Governor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session
LEAVE TO WITHDRAW..... sponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY ruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died
INDEF PP..... indefinitely postponed; legislation died
ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X... ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died
P&S XXX..... chapter # of enacted private & special law
PUBLIC XXX..... chapter # of enacted public Law
RESOLVE XXX..... chapter # of finally passed resolve
VETO SUSTAINED..... Legislature failed to override Governor's veto

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature is September 28, 2011. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure may be found in the enacted law summary for that legislation.

Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 133 provides that the crimes of criminal invasion of computer privacy and aggravated criminal invasion of computer privacy may be prosecuted and punished in either the county in which the defendant was located when the defendant committed the crime or in any county in which the computer resource that was accessed, damaged or infected with a virus was located, or, in the case of aggravated criminal invasion of computer privacy, in any county in which the computer program, computer software or computer information that the defendant copied was located.

LD 1168 An Act To Exempt Firearms Manufactured in this State from Federal Regulation

MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CEBRA SNOWE-MELLO	ONTP MAJ OTP MIN	

This intent of the bill is to exempt from federal regulation firearms, firearm accessories and ammunition that are made in Maine and remain in Maine.

LD 1176 An Act To Enhance Reciprocity Agreements Regarding Permits To Carry Concealed Firearms

MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CEBRA COLLINS	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

The purpose of this bill is to enhance reciprocity with other states by removing the requirement that an applicant for a concealed firearms permit demonstrate that the applicant is of "good moral character."

Committee Amendment "A" (H-487)

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. It removes the requirement that an applicant for a concealed firearms permit demonstrate that the applicant is of good moral character and replaces it with the requirement that the applicant show no evidence of behavior contrary to public safety.

This amendment was not adopted.

LD 1178 An Act To Repeal the Laws Governing the Consolidation of Jails

ONTP

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

Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Public Law 2007, chapter 653 enacted changes to the laws governing the delivery of state and county correctional services. This bill reverses those changes. This bill repeals changes that were enacted pursuant to Public Law 2007, chapter 653, whose purpose was to develop and implement a unified correctional system. The bill eliminates the State Board of Corrections, which was directed to work with counties, the Department of Corrections, the Legislature and other stakeholders in the criminal justice system to oversee and coordinate the correctional system. The bill reenacts procedures for county budgeting that do not separate correctional costs from noncorrectional costs. The bill also reenacts prior procedures for county corrections reimbursement by the State.

LD 1182 An Act To Protect Young Children from Sex Offenses

DIED BETWEEN HOUSES

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

Current law provides that most sex crimes against a child under 12 years of age, such as gross sexual assault, unlawful sexual contact and sexual exploitation of a minor, are Class A or Class B crimes. This bill increases the class of crime for sexual misconduct with a child under 12 years of age from a Class C to a Class B crime and for unlawful sexual contact with a child under 12 years of age, when the defendant is at least 3 years older, to a Class A crime to bring those crimes more in line with the classification of other sex crimes against children under 12 years of age. Due to the increase in the classification of unlawful sexual contact to a Class A, the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, section 255-A, subsection 1, paragraph F-1 was made redundant and so is repealed.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-295)

This amendment is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety. The amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section.

This amendment was not adopted.

LD 1192 An Act To Require That Marijuana Seized by Law Enforcement Officers Be Tested and Made Available for Use by Authorized Medical Marijuana Dispensaries

ONTP

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

This bill requires that marijuana seized by law enforcement officers be tested by a state laboratory, and if found safe for use, to be made available to a registered dispensary defined under the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Program. The Department of Health and Human Services shall adopt routine technical rules governing the testing and distribution of marijuana under this section.