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



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

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## LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND ENACTED LAWS

This *Legislative Digest of Bill Summaries and Enacted Laws* contains summaries of all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 128<sup>th</sup> 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. An appendix provides a summary of relevant session statistics.

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 128<sup>th</sup> Legislature is Wednesday, November 1, 2017. 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**

**LD 351**

**An Act To Allow Municipalities To Prohibit Weapons at Municipal Public Proceedings and Voting Places**

**Died Between Houses**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SPEAR J MILLETT R	OTP-AM ONTP	

This bill allows municipalities to prohibit the carrying of dangerous weapons at municipal public proceedings and voting places within the municipality. It provides an exception to allow the carrying of a handgun by an on-duty law enforcement officer.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-89)**

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, allows a municipality to prohibit the carrying of dangerous weapons within municipal buildings and at municipal public proceedings and voting places subject to the following provisions.

1. A municipal ordinance adopted under this provision of law must provide an exception for the carrying of a handgun by a federal, state, county or local law enforcement officer.
2. A municipal ordinance adopted under this provision of law may provide exceptions to allow the carrying of certain dangerous weapons, including, but not limited to, an exception allowing the carrying of kitchen knives and other common bladed tools with a blade length of less than eight inches.
3. A municipality that has adopted such an ordinance must post notice of the prohibition against the carrying of dangerous weapons outside of all municipal buildings and other places within the municipality subject to the ordinance.

This amendment was not adopted.

**LD 352**

**An Act To Require a Dealer To Sell a Gun Lock with Every New Firearm**

**Accepted Minority (ONTP) Report**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RYKERSON D	REF TO TAX ONTP	

This bill requires a firearm dealer to sell a gun lock with every firearm the dealer sells at retail in the State.

**LD 374**

**An Act To Recodify and Revise Certain Portions of the Maine Criminal Code**

**Veto Sustained**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP-AM OTP-AM	H-223

This bill, which was submitted by the Criminal Law Advisory Commission, recodifies and revises the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, Part 3 and other portions of the Maine Criminal Code and amends other laws affected