

# 2005 NEW LAW UPDATE

## 122<sup>nd</sup> Legislature First Regular Session & First Special Session

### New and Amended Public Law of Interest to the Law Enforcement Community of Maine

#### **Chapter 415 – L.D. 670**

#### **An Act to Protect Children Using Maine’s Athletic Fields and Parks from Drug Dealers**

This law allows a municipality to designate athletic fields, parks, playgrounds or recreational facilities as a “safe zone”. Safe zones are treated similar to schools - drug dealing within 1000 feet of them subjects the dealer to an enhanced penalty. In order for a municipality to designate an area a safe zone, it must be an area frequented by minors and conspicuously marked using wording provided by the Commissioner of Public Safety.

*Effective September 17, 2005*

*Enacts 17-A M.R.S.A. §1101 (23)*

*Amends 17-A M.R.S.A. §1105-A (1) (E)*

*Amends 17-A M.R.S.A. §1105-C (1) (E)*

*Amends 17-A M.R.S.A. §1105-D (1) (D)*

*Enacts 30-A M.R.S.A. § 3253*

#### **Safe Zone Informational Signs**

The Commissioner of Public Safety has approved the following wording to be used on a safe zone informational sign under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 3253:

