

Please note, the following changes to Maine law are effective after the printing of this publication.

- The minimum age to be charged with a juvenile crime is now 11, except that youth who are less than 11 years old can be charged with murder, felony murder, manslaughter or criminal attempt of these juvenile crimes.
- Petitions charging youth with committing illegal acts under Title 12 and Title 29-A of the Maine Revised Statutes will now be charged as juvenile crimes and handles by the juvenile court, not the Unified Criminal Docket. These include, for example, operating a motor vehicle without a license, fishing without a license, speeding, texting while driving, and many other crimes involves motor vehicles, snowmobiles, ATVs and watercraft.