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**Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees  
August 1997**

We are pleased to provide this summary of bills that were considered by the 15 Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature staffed by this office. The document is a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill, committee amendments and other relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken on the bill. Also included are statistical summaries of bill activity this Session for the Legislature and each of its joint standing committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills handled by the joint standing committees. It is organized alphabetically by committees and within committees by bill (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed by paper number. Two indices, a subject index and a numerical index by LD number are provided for easy reference to bills. They are located at the back of the document. A separate publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, may also be helpful in providing information on the disposition of bills. These bill summaries also are available at the Law and Legislative Reference Library and on the Internet ([www.state.me.us/legis/opla](http://www.state.me.us/legis/opla)).

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*.....*Bill carried over to Second Regular Session*
- 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*
- INDEF PP*.....*Bill Indefinitely Postponed*
- ONTP*.....*Ought Not To Pass report accepted*
- OTP ND*.....*Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft*
- OTP ND/NT*.....*Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title*
- 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*

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is June 26, 1997 and September 19, 1997 for the First Special Session.

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Finance Authority of Maine's ability to insure loans to veterans by allowing the authority to insure 100% for a loan of up to \$75,000 for any person who has served in the United States Armed Forces or up to \$125,000 for wartime veterans.

It clarifies that the authority may charge interest on Teachers for Maine loans that are not forgiven by return service.

It restates the existing provisions with regard to the amount of bonds supported by the moral obligation of the State that the authority may issue to include up to \$264,000,000 for electric rate stabilization projects, \$120,000,000 for major business expansion projects, \$57,000,000 for workers' compensation residual market mechanism projects and up to \$150,000,000 minus the aggregate outstanding amount of mortgage loans secured by capital reserve funds pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 1032 for all other projects. It is not intended that this bill have any effect on any revenue obligation securities issued at any time pursuant to Title 10, section 1053, subsection 5.

**LD 1796**

**An Act to Provide Licensing for Micropigmentation Practitioners**

**PUBLIC 383**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> TUTTLE		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-507
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LD 1796 proposed to repeal current law regulating tattooing and to provide a licensing framework within the Department of Human Services for micropigmentation practice, which included the art of tattooing.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-507)** proposed to retain the chapter regulating tattoo artists and established a separate licensing structure for those engaging in the practice of micropigmentation.

The Department of Human Services would be granted rulemaking authority to govern the practice of micropigmentation and given a deadline of November 1, 1997 for establishing licensing rules, including standards of practice, education and training requirements.

The amendment would require that licenses must be renewed every two years. The licensing fee, not to exceed \$50, would include a biennial inspection of the micropigmentation facility by the Department of Human Services. Individuals engaged in the practice of micropigmentation in the State would be required to comply with the rules of the Department by January 1, 1998.

***Enacted law summary***

Public Law 1997, chapter 383 establishes a separate licensing structure for those engaging in the practice of micropigmentation. The Department of Human Services is given rulemaking authority to govern the practice of micropigmentation and must establish licensing rules by November 1, 1997, including standards of practice, education and training requirements. Public Law 1997, chapter 383 requires that licenses for the practice of micropigmentation must be renewed every two years. The licensing fee, not to exceed \$50, includes a biennial inspection of the micropigmentation facility by the Department of Human Services. Individuals engaging in the practice of micropigmentation in the State must comply with the rules of the Department by January 1, 1998.