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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing and Select Committees
August 1999

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

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is organized 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).

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
ENACTMENT FAILED..... Bill failed to get vote required for enactment or final passage
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY..... Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died
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 September 18, 1999.

5. The post-retirement waiting period for commencement of cost-of-living adjustments to service retirement benefits.

In addition, the employee contribution rate may be increased for members who have achieved protection only to pay for increased benefits or to maintain the actuarial soundness of the retirement system as required by the Constitution of Maine.

Any benefit or related provision not listed in the amendment may be changed or eliminated by the Legislature and the Legislature may change any provision of the retirement law for employees not having the minimum amount of creditable service for eligibility and protection.

To cover the unfunded liability costs and normal cost increases for teachers, the Act provides for the transfer of up to \$2,308,986 of appropriated surplus that would otherwise be payable to the Retirement Allowance Fund under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1517.

LD 277

An Act to Prohibit the Employment of Minors in Places Providing Nude Entertainment

PUBLIC 30

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> HATCH	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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Under current law, the Director of the Bureau of Labor Standards is required to establish by rule a list of occupations that are not suitable for minors, including occupations that are hazardous, dangerous to life, health or limb or injurious to morals. LD 277 proposed to require that employment in places having nude entertainment be included in that list.

This bill was submitted on behalf of the Department of Labor.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 30 requires that places having nude entertainment be included in the list of occupations not suitable for minors. The list is required to be adopted by the Department of Labor.

LD 284

An Act to Increase the Number of Members of the Board of Trustees of the Maine State Retirement System

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> FULLER DAGGETT	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 284 proposed to add one member to the Board of Trustees of the Maine State Retirement System, who must be selected from a list of three nominees submitted by the Maine Association of Retirees. Currently the board consists of 8 members.