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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
July 2000

We are pleased to provide this summary of 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:

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
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 Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is August 11, 2000.

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Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development

LD 168 **An Act to License Home Inspectors** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> HARRIMAN		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 168 was carried over from the First Regular Session and proposed to establish the Maine Board of Home Inspectors and create 3 categories of licensure: apprentice inspector, home inspector and professional inspector.

LD 464 **An Act Concerning Notification by Oil Burner Technicians of Inadequate Chimneys** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> CAMPBELL		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 464 was carried over from the First Regular Session and proposed to exempt oil burner technicians from disciplinary actions involving the installation or servicing of oil burning equipment in an unsafe chimney.

LD 526 **Resolve, Creating the Commission to Study Economic Development Opportunities for Lewiston and Auburn** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MENDROS BENNETT		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 526 was carried over from the First Regular Session and proposed to establish the Commission to Study Economic Development Opportunities for Lewiston and Auburn.

LD 675 **An Act to Amend Consumer Protection Laws with Respect to Internet Service** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> NUTTING J		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 675 was carried over from the First Regular Session and proposed to require Internet providers to identify to each customer any local access numbers and long-distance access numbers that the customer may use to access the provider.