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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing and Select Committees
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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.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-58) proposed to clarify the bill by specifying that a dentist would be added to the Board of Dental Examiners until January 1, 2001. After January 1, 2001, the size of the board would revert back to seven members. This amendment also added an allocation section and a fiscal note to the bill.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-163) proposed to provide an allocation to the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Board of Dental Examiners rather than to the Office of Licensing and Registration for the additional costs that would result from increasing the membership of the board.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 124 increased the membership of the Board of Dental Examiners from 7 to 8 by adding a dentist to the Board until January 1, 2001. After January 1, 2001, the board reverts back to 7 members.

LD 505 **An Act to Exempt Free Clinics from Payment of Pharmaceutical Registration Fees** **PUBLIC 42**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PINGREE SULLIVAN	OTP-AM	S-20

LD 505 proposed to amend the Maine Pharmacy Act by including a free clinic in the definition of drug outlet. The bill also proposed to exempt free clinics from registration fees required under the Maine Pharmacy Act.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-20) proposed to give the Board of Pharmacy the authority to exempt a free clinic from fees required under the Maine Pharmacy Act. This amendment also added a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 42 amends the Maine Pharmacy Act by including free clinic in the definition of drug outlet, defines free clinic and authorizes the Maine Board of Pharmacy to exempt a free clinic from fees required under the Act.

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

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MENDROS BENNETT		

LD 526 is being carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature. The resolve proposes to establish the Commission to Study Economic Development Opportunities for Lewiston and Auburn.

LD 576 **An Act to Update and Amend the Maine Pharmacy Act** **PUBLIC 130
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAMERON	OTP-AM	H-205 O'NEAL H-80