

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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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.

LD 626

An Act to Require Wildlife Management and Uneven-aged Forest Stand Management on Public Reserved Lands

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SHOREY CASSIDY	ONTP	

LD 626 proposed specifying that uneven-aged forest stand management be used on the public reserved lands. It also proposed requiring the Commissioner of Conservation to transfer management responsibility from the Bureau of Parks and Lands to Bureau of Forestry when the dominant use on a portion of public reserved lands is timber production.

LD 677

An Act to Change the Way Ginseng License and Registration Fees Are Established

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GOOLEY	ONTP	

LD 677 proposed repealing the fees established in statute for cultivating ginseng and for conducting business as a ginseng dealer and authorizes the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to establish these fees by rule. This bill was submitted on behalf of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources.

LD 682

An Act to Increase the Late Fee for Licensing a Dog

PUBLIC 136

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KASPRZAK	OTP	

LD 682 proposed increasing the late fee for licensing a dog from \$3 to \$10 when a municipal warrant is issued for owners of unlicensed dogs.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 136 increases the late fee for licensing a dog from \$3 to \$10. The \$10 fee applies to an owner whose name appears on a municipal warrant.

LD 694

An Act to Increase the Number of Elm Trees in the State

PUBLIC 98

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GAGNON DAGGETT	OTP-AM	H-94

LD 694 proposed appropriating \$1,000,000 to the Department of Conservation in fiscal year 1999-00 to be used to develop a program to increase the number of elm trees in the State. The appropriated funds were proposed to be used as grants to match on a one-to-one basis funds raised by municipally recognized tree boards. Grants were proposed to be made on the basis of recommendations received from the Community Forestry Council of Maine.