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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.

Public Law 1999, chapter 217 extends the term of office for State Poet Laureate from one to five years. It also allows reappointment of a Poet Laureate for a second, five-year term. Public Law 1999, chapter 217 creates an advisory committee to select the Poet Laureate. The Governor must appoint the Poet Laureate during Maine Cultural Heritage Week, which includes March 15th, Statehood Day. The law also requires the State to provide space at the State House complex for public display of the Poet Laureate's work.

LD 815 **An Act to Require Counties to be Reimbursed for Medical Expenses Incurred by Prisoners from Other Jurisdictions** **ONTP**

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

LD 815 proposed that a county in which a prisoner resided at the time the prisoner committed an offense in another county be required to reimburse the county in which the prisoner is incarcerated for any medical and dental expenses incurred by that prisoner.

LD 818 **An Act to Require Municipal Police Departments to Assist When Called Upon by the State Police on the Interstate Highways under Certain Circumstances** **ONTP**

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

LD 818 proposed to require that municipal police officers respond to requests for assistance from the State Police when public safety is in danger on those sections of the interstate highway system that are in the municipality's jurisdiction.

LD 823 **An Act Concerning Sheriffs' Annual Meetings with Municipal Officers** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCALEVEY	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

LD 823 proposed to make optional the annual meeting between county officials and municipal officers concerning operation of sheriffs' departments.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-122), which was not adopted, was the minority report. It proposed to replace the original bill by repealing the statutory requirement that the county sheriff in each county hold an annual meeting with the county commissioners and municipal officers of that county concerning the operation of the sheriff's department.