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**STATE OF MAINE  
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**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

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**ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH 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](http://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   |
| ONT P.....                        | Ought Not To Pass report accepted                                       |
| OT P ND.....                      | Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft                             |
| OT P 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 1176**                      **An Act to Amend the Real Estate Brokerage Laws Regarding Property Disclosure**                      **CARRIED OVER**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u>     | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| CIANCHETTE<br>DAGGETT |                         |                           |

LD 1176 is being carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature. The bill proposes to exempt nonresidential property sales from the Maine Real Estate Commission rules on property disclosure.

See also LDs 11, 1083, 1450 and 2130.

**LD 1182**                      **An Act to Amend the Qualifications of Weighmasters**                      **CARRIED OVER**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u>  | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| TESSIER<br>PINGREE |                         |                           |

LD 1182 is being carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature. The bill proposes to establish a corporate public weighmaster license.

**LD 1186**                      **An Act Regarding the Circumstances under Which a Physician May Be Disciplined**                      **ONTP**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| DAGGETT           | ONTP                    |                           |

LD 1186 proposed to allow the Board of Licensure in Medicine to censure or otherwise discipline a person licensed in medicine if that person commits even one act of incompetence on one patient.

**LD 1189**                      **An Act to Ensure Adequate Funding of Certain Public Safety Programs of Occupational or Professional Licensure Boards**                      **PUBLIC 257**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| MACKINNON         | OTP-AM                  | S-178                     |

LD 1189 addressed three separate boards under the jurisdiction of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation. The bill proposed to increase the license fee cap of the Board of Licensure of Podiatric Medicine. The bill proposed to raise the licensing fee cap and amend the biennial renewal schedule of the Board of Licensing of Dietetic Practice. Finally, the bill proposed to raise the license fee cap under the Board of Complementary Health Care Providers.

This bill was submitted on behalf of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-178)** added a fiscal note to the bill.