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**STATE OF MAINE
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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

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JULY 2000

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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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LD 1165

An Act Regarding the Retirement Plan for Rangers in the Law Enforcement Bargaining Unit at Baxter State Park

DIED BETWEEN BODIES

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

LD 1165 was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 119th Legislature. It proposed to permit law enforcement officers employed by the Baxter State Park Authority to opt to retire at age 50 after 25 years of service and retain the current option to choose, instead, to retire at age 55 after 25 years of service.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-685) proposed to replace the bill and replace the title. The amendment proposed to extend coverage of Baxter State Park rangers under the 1998 Special Retirement Plan back in time to July 1, 1998. The rangers were covered by the plan last year effective January 1, 2000. The amendment also proposed to provide coverage under the 1998 Special Retirement Plan effective August 6, 2000 for special investigators and researchers in the Attorney General's Office who are sworn law enforcement officers.

The amendment also proposed to add an appropriation section and a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 1166

An Act to Establish Occupational Health and Safety Standards for Operators of Video Display Terminals

ONTP

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

LD 1166 proposed to establish workplace health and safety standards for the use of video display terminals.

LD 1246

An Act to Protect the Rights of Judicial Employees

ONTP

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

LD 1246 proposed to specify that persons who have worked for the Judicial Department for at least 6 months and who meet the common law definition of "employee", are employees for purposes of the Judicial Employees Labor Relations Act, even if they were hired outside the state personnel process.