

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE  
119TH LEGISLATURE**

**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
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ON  
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**JULY 2000**

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**ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE**  
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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](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:

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 1262

An Act to Increase the Minimum Wage in Maine

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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PINGREE	OTP-AM MAJ	S-534
ROWE	ONTP MIN	S-620 DOUGLASS S-809 DOUGLASS

LD 1262 proposed to increase the minimum wage to \$5.65 per hour beginning January 1, 2000 and to \$6.15 per hour beginning January 1, 2001.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-534)** proposed to increase the minimum wage to \$5.65 per hour beginning September 1, 2000 and to \$6.25 per hour beginning September 1, 2001.

**Senate Amendment "A" (S-620)** proposed to strike the section appropriating funds to reprint and mail the minimum wage poster and to require the Commissioner of Labor to pay those expenses from the department's Special Administrative Expense Fund.

LD 1357

Resolve, to Create a Commission to Study the Hearing Process of the Workers' Compensation Board

ONTP

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

LD 1357 proposed to create a 6-member commission to study the hearing process of the Workers' Compensation Board.

**LD 1358**

An Act to Promote Stability in Labor Management Relations in the Public Sector **DIED BETWEEN BODIES**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HATCH	OTP-AM A	
CATHCART	ONTP B	

LD 1358 proposed that the terms and conditions of an expired collective bargaining agreement remain in effect until a new contract is executed.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-433)** proposed to replace the bill with language providing that the grievance arbitration provisions of a collective bargaining agreement continue after expiration of the agreement. In interpreting the contract after expiration, the amendment proposed that the arbitrator make decisions consistent with the Maine Labor Relations Board standard for maintaining the status quo after expiration of a contract.