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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.

See also LD 956, which contained home visiting funding proposals. See also PL 401, Parts LLL & MMM, which are repealed in Part A of this law and replaced by the provisions of it.

LD 1322 An Act to Ensure the Availability of Home-based Care CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BERUBE LOVETT		

LD 1322 proposes to ensure that in-home care for persons who are in need of long-term care is made available to all eligible participants. This bill also proposes to provide that funds appropriated to the in-home care account do not lapse at the end of the fiscal year, but are carried over to the next fiscal year. It also proposes to require that funds appropriated to the nursing home account but not spent be transferred to the in-home care account.

This bill has been carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.

LD 1349 An Act to Protect Citizens from the Detrimental Effects of Tobacco PUBLIC 54

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ETNIER PINGREE	OTP MAJ ONTP MIN	

LD 1349 proposed to include a restaurant in the definition of "public place" where smoking is prohibited. It proposed to continue to allow smoking in a Class A lounge or tavern.

This bill was submitted on behalf of the Department of Human Services.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 54 prohibits smoking in restaurants by including a restaurant in the definition of "public place" where smoking is prohibited. Smoking continues to be permitted in a Class A lounge or tavern.

LD 1363 An Act to Increase the Availability of Glucose Screenings ONTP

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

LD 1363 proposed to prohibit any restrictions on where screening tests, including glucose screening tests to diagnose diabetes, may be performed.