

# MAINE STATE 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  
*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.

greater. Current law requires each Maine market dealer in milk to make an initial payment to the dealer's Maine market producers according to the blend price calculated using the Federal Milk Order utilization rate.

**Senate Amendment "A" (S-94)** proposed to add an emergency preamble and clause to the bill to make it effective June 1, 1999.

***Enacted law summary***

Public Law 1999, chapter 210 requires each Maine market dealer to make the initial payment according to the blend price calculated using the Federal Milk Order utilization rate or the Federal Milk Order Zone 1 blend price, whichever is greater.

Chapter 210 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 1, 1999.

**LD 1475                      An Act to Clarify the Tree Growth Tax Law                      CARRIED OVER**

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

LD 1475 proposed requiring landowners who own more than 100,000 acres of land in the State to harvest at or below a sustainable level on their forest land taxed under the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law. It proposed requiring the Department of Conservation to adopt rules to establish a procedure for determining landowner compliance. This bill was originally referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation. (See bill summaries under that committee for a summary of proposed Committee Amendment "A" S-235) This bill was re-referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry on June 3rd.

**LD 1497                      An Act Authorizing the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission to Regulate Industrialized Farms within Unorganized and Deorganized Areas                      ONTP**

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

LD 1497 proposed authorizing the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission to regulate agriculture in management districts if it meets the definition of an industrialized farm. It proposed a definition of industrialized farm.

**LD 1535                      An Act to Require Notice to Abutters Prior to Commercial Applications of Pesticides                      ONTP**

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

LD 1535 proposed requiring commercial applicators of pesticides to provide a one-week advance notice of applications to residences on abutting property.