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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.

LD 1731

An Act to Allow Minors to Work Over the Labor Day Weekend

ONTP

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

LD 1731 proposed to allow a minor to work up to 10 hours a day for each day of the three-day Labor Day weekend.

Committee Amendment “A” (S-188), the minority report of the committee, proposed to add an appropriation section and a fiscal note to the bill. (not adopted)

LD 1747

An Act to Amend the Retirement Plan for Maine State Troopers

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RICHARDSON J PARADIS	ONTP	

LD 1747 proposed to remove state police troopers from the provisions of the 1998 Special Plan and to allow a trooper to qualify for benefits under the Maine State Retirement System if the trooper was hired after August 31, 1984 and has 25 years of creditable service, with no age requirement.

LD 1748

An Act to Correct Inconsistencies within the Maine State Retirement System

ONTP

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

LD 1748 proposed to add investigators and inspectors employed by the Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal to the 1998 Special Retirement Plan. The substance of the bill was included in LD 1376.

LD 1767

An Act to Allow Recovery of Provisional Payments by Employee Benefit Plans CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MAYO LAFOUNTAIN		

LD 1767 proposes to allow an employer or organization making provisional payments through a self-funded health plan or employee welfare benefit plan to recover those payments from the disability retirement benefit due the member.

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