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**STATE OF MAINE
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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 1377

Resolve, Directing the Department of Labor to Establish Standards for Providing Heat in Buildings

ONTP

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

LD 1377 proposed to direct the Department of Labor to develop standards that employers must follow in maintaining heat in buildings that are occupied by employees.

LD 1730

An Act to Increase Health Insurance Benefits for Retired Educators

**DIED ON
ADJOURNMENT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CATHCART HATCH	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-794 HATCH S-480

LD 1730 proposed to increase the State's contribution for health insurance for retired educators from 30% to 35% beginning January 1, 2000 and from 35% to 40% beginning January 1, 2001. The bill as amended by Committee Amendment B and House Amendment A was passed in the House but not funded off the Appropriations Table and died on adjournment.

Committee Amendment "B" (S-480) proposed to change the date proposed in the bill on which the State will begin to pay 35% of the cost of retired educators' health insurance from January 1, 2000 to July 1, 2000. The amendment also proposed to add an appropriation section and a fiscal note to the bill.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "B" (H-794) proposed to correct the amount that represents the State's share of the cost of health insurance premiums.

LD 1767

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

ONTP

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

LD 1767 was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 119th Legislature. It proposed 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 from the Maine State Retirement System. An administrative agreement that eliminated the need for the bill was worked out between the Maine State Employees Union and the Retirement System; and the bill was reported out ONTP.