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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 1913**An Act to Ensure Fair Access under the Workers' Compensation Utilization and Review System****ONTP**

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

LD 1913 proposed to repeal the laws requiring an employee's medical care to undergo utilization review under an insurer's standards, and to continue the authority for the Workers' Compensation Board to adopt rules establishing treatment protocols.

LD 1927**An Act to Ensure that an Eligible Work Force is Promptly Certified for Trade Act Assistance and Has Full Access to Training and Education Services as Provided by Law** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TREAT MCKEE		

LD 1927 proposes to require the Department of Labor to determine eligibility for training assistance under the U. S. Trade Act of 1974 within a specified period of time, and to amend the eligibility requirements to allow a person who is unable to enroll in training due to continuing part-time work with the employer under certain circumstances to receive dislocated worker benefits.

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

LD 1942**Resolve, to Require the Workers' Compensation Board to Reverse Its Decision and Find in Favor of Richard N. Pushard, Sr.****ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
O'BRIEN L DAGGETT	ONTP MAJ OTP MIN	

LD 1942 proposed to require the Workers' Compensation Board to reverse its decision and find in favor of Richard N. Pushard, Sr.

LD 1943**An Act to Ensure that Workers Are Informed about Their Employers' Cancellation of Workers' Compensation Insurance****ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WHEELER E O'GARA	ONTP	