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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:

<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i>	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED IN CONCURRENCE</i>	<i>One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY</i>	<i>Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<i>ONTP</i>	<i>Ought Not To Pass report accepted</i>
<i>OTP ND</i>	<i>Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft</i>
<i>OTP ND/NT</i>	<i>Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title</i>
<i>P&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of finally passed Resolve</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i>	<i>Bill held by Governor</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>

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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4. It proposed a commission reporting date of November 1, 2000;
5. It proposed to authorize reimbursement for public members of the commission not otherwise compensated; and
6. It proposed to provide that the section of the bill as amended that proposed to establish the study commission would take effect when approved.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 766 amends certain provisions of the law pertaining to automobile manufacturers and dealers. It adds an additional action that is considered to be an unfair method of competition and deceptive practice. It puts certain limits on a franchisor's ability to exercise a right of first refusal. It adds a corporate affiliate of a manufacturer, distributor or wholesaler to the list that cannot offer discounts without making the same offer to all dealers in the market area. Finally, it establishes the Commission to Study the Most Effective Method of Providing Retail Rate Reimbursement for Parts and Labor.

Public Law 1999, chapter 766, section 4 (study commission), was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 8, 2000.

LD 1962

An Act to Establish the State Revolving Loan Fund for Small Business Initiatives

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SHOREY	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1962 was carried over from the First Regular Session and proposed to establish the State Revolving Loan Fund for Small Business Initiatives within the Department of Economic and Community Development. Under the bill, the fund would be established initially as a pilot project in Washington County and Hancock County to be administered by the Eastern Maine Development Corporation. The bill also proposed to appropriate \$2,100,000 from the General Fund as initial funding, divided evenly between the counties. Approximately \$100,000 of the initial funding would represent anticipated administration charges for the first year to cover the cost of lending. The bill also proposed to establish a maximum loan of \$175,000 that could be used for capital expenditures and training expenses.

LD 2057

An Act to Amend the Regulation of Dentists Regarding the Use of Anesthesia

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> GOODWIN	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 2057 was carried over from the First Regular Session and proposed to codify the rules of the Board of Dental Examiners, with additional changes, pertaining to the use of anesthesia by dentists.