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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.

Part M amends the Plumbers' Examining Board laws.

Part N amends the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists laws.

Part O amends the Transient Sales laws.

Part P amends the State Board of Veterinary Medicine laws.

Part Q amends the State Board of Certification for Geologists and Soil Scientists laws.

Part R amends the Board of Examiners on Speech-language Pathology and Audiology laws.

Part S amends the State Board of Alcohol and Drug Counselors laws.

Part T amends the Board of Respiratory Care Practitioners laws.

Part U amends the Board of Counseling Professionals Licensure laws.

Part V amends the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology laws.

Part W amends the Propane and Natural Gas Board laws.

Part X amends the Board of Boilers and Pressure Vessels laws.

Part Y amends the Board of Elevator and Tramway Safety laws.

LD 2057 **An Act to Amend the Regulation of Dentists Regarding the Use of Anesthesia** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> GOODWIN	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 2057 is being carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature. The bill proposes to codify the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation rules, with additional changes, pertaining to the use of anesthesia by dentists.

LD 2060 **An Act to License Home Building Contractors** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> NORBERT LONGLEY	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 2060 is being carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature. The bill proposes to require a home building contractor to be licensed and proposes to establish the Board of Home Building Construction to oversee the licensing of home building contractors and home construction supervisors. The board would make available educational materials for contractors and consumers, including a bill of rights, procedures for dealing with contractors and a listing of licensed contractors that includes appropriate information from the contractors' application forms.