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**STATE OF MAINE  
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**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

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**JULY 2000**

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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](http://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 2251

**An Act to Provide Health Insurance Benefits to Dwight Parsons**

INDEF PP

Sponsor(s)  
FERGUSON  
GAGNE

Committee Report  
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted

LD 2251 proposed to provide health insurance benefits under the State Employee Health Insurance Program to Dwight Parsons, a 30-year state employee who did not apply for the health benefits in time.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-481)** proposed to clarify the level of benefits to be provided to Dwight Parsons and adds an appropriation section and a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 2318**

**An Act Concerning Eligibility Requirements for State Employees, Teachers and Participating Local District Employees to Purchase Military Service Credit**

INDEF PP

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report  
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted  
H-1075

LD 2318 was recommended by the Committee to Study Standardized Periods of Military Service and Other Matters Related to the Award of State of Maine Veterans' Benefits. This bill proposed to reduce from 15 to 5 the number of years of creditable service a state employee who is a member of the Maine State Retirement System must have before the employee is eligible to purchase service credit for service in the Armed Forces of the United States. It also proposed to remove a requirement that members joining after January 1, 1976 have served in a federally recognized period of conflict to be eligible to purchase military service credits. Finally it would have allowed a dishonorably discharged member to purchase service credit if the discharge was later upgraded through a general amnesty program.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-1075)** proposed to strike from the bill provisions that would have allowed a member of the Maine State Retirement System who was dishonorably discharged from the military to purchase credit for that military service if the discharge was upgraded through a program of general amnesty and would have made the bill applicable to members of the retirement system through participating local districts. The amendment also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 2352

**An Act to Establish the Administrative Operating Budget for the Maine State Retirement System for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2001**

P & S 69  
EMERGENCY

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report  
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted  
H-844