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

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ON  
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**JULY 2000**

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**ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE**  
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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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current late fee of \$3 to \$5 for municipalities that do not issue a warrant and clarified that, in municipalities that do issue late warrants, the late fee for dog licensing is \$10. It proposed removing language allowing the court to order a psychological evaluation for a person who violates the civil laws regarding cruelty to animals.

***Enacted law summary***

Public Law 1999, chapter 597 changes the late fee for dog licensing from the current late fee of \$3 to \$5 for municipalities that do not issue a warrant and clarifies that, in municipalities that do issue late warrants, the late fee for dog licensing is \$10. It also removes statutory language allowing the court to order a psychological evaluation for a person who violates the civil laws regarding cruelty to animals.

**LD 2313**

**An Act to Increase the Rate of Pay for Forest Fire Wardens**

**DIED ON  
ADJOURNMENT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> FERGUSON		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-520
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LD 2313 increases the rate of pay for forest fire wardens to \$500 per year from \$100 per year.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-520)** proposed replacing the original bill. It proposed providing for a forest fire warden to be paid not less than \$100 nor more than \$500, with the amount determined by the warden's completion of specified training and duties.

**LD 2340**

**An Act to Specify Eligibility for Land Purchases Under the  
Agricultural Marketing Loan Fund**

**PUBLIC 593**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> CROSS		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-833
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LD 2340 proposed specifying the types of land purchases eligible for a loan under the Agricultural Marketing Loan Fund.

***Enacted law summary***

Public Law 1999, chapter 593 specifies the types of land purchases eligible for an agricultural marketing loan. An agricultural marketing loan may be used to purchase new cranberry acreage, land to provide direct access to water for irrigation, land for the start-up of a new agricultural enterprise and the expansion of an existing agricultural enterprise when the land purchase is necessary to comply with land use regulations. It restricts the amount of a loan for a land purchase by a new agricultural enterprise to \$100,000.