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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:

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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Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 555 amends a definition in the unemployment compensation law to reflect the change in the taxable wage amount from \$7,000 to \$12,000, which was made in the First Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.

LD 2430 An Act to Provide Pension Equity for Mental Health Workers ONTP

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

LD 2430 proposed to provide that a mental health worker in the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services qualify for a service retirement benefit if that worker is at least 55 years of age and has completed at least 10 years of creditable service under the 1998 Special Plan of the Maine State Retirement System or has completed at least 25 years of creditable service. See also LD 2363. The provisions of LD 2430 were incorporated into the Committee Amendment to LD 2363.

**LD 2431 An Act to Change the Retirement Eligibility Requirements for ONTP
Certain Employees of the Department of Environmental Protection**

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

LD 2431 proposed to provide that an oil and hazardous waste materials worker in the Department of Environmental Protection qualifies for a service retirement benefit if that worker is at least 55 years of age and has completed at least 10 years of creditable service under the 1998 Special Plan of the Maine State Retirement System or has completed at least 25 years of creditable service. See also LD 2363. The provisions of LD 2431 were incorporated into the Committee Amendment to LD 2363.

**LD 2491 An Act to Permit the Option of Retaining Health Insurance ONTP
Coverage for Law Enforcement Personnel Who Have 25 Years of
Creditable Service**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RICHARDSON J RAND	ONTP	

LD 2491 proposed to permit law enforcement personnel with 25 years of creditable service who are members of the Maine State Retirement System to maintain their state-paid health insurance coverage if they separate from employment prior to retirement age. In light of the majority committee report on LD 2363, this bill was given an ONTP report.