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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
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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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accident in the Motor Vehicle Code. These amendments were necessary to correct indirect results of PL 1999, chapter 61 which amended the Motor Vehicle Code by increasing the monetary amount of property damage for which a motor vehicle accident must be reported.

Public Law 1999, chapter 617 was enacted as an emergency measure and approved on April 3, 2000 to take effect 30 days later.

LD 2433

**An Act to Penalize a Company that Does Not Submit the Report
Required by Law Regarding State Assistance**

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TWOMEY	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

LD 2433 proposed to withhold further state subsidies from a private company that has received a state subsidy and has not followed required reporting procedures.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-925) was the minority report and proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill. Committee Amendment "A" was not adopted.

LD 2441

**An Act to Provide Flexibility in the Distribution of Funds by the
Department of Economic and Community Development**

PUBLIC 612

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
O'NEAL MACKINNON	OTP-AM	H-884

LD 2441 proposed to remove the requirement that funds in the Community Industrial Buildings Fund be distributed to separate rural and urban accounts.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-884) proposed to remove the responsibility of marketing and promoting community buildings from the Department of Economic and Community Development. The amendment also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 612 removes the requirement that funds in the Community Industrial Buildings Fund be distributed to separate rural and urban accounts. It also removes the responsibility of marketing and promoting community buildings from the Department of Economic and Community Development.