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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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An Act to Establish Consistent Requirements in Maine State Retirement System Plans for Minimum Creditable Service for Eligibility to Receive Retirement Benefits

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HATCH DOUGLASS	OTP-AM MAJ OTP-AM MIN	H-1110

LD 2614 proposed to provide consistency in the laws governing eligibility to receive retirement benefits. Consistent with the law enacted last year, the bill proposed to change the minimum creditable service for eligibility to receive retirement benefits from 10 years to 5 years for employee members of participating local districts and members of the state legislative retirement system and the judicial retirement system.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-1110) is the majority committee report. It proposed to clarify language in the bill describing the manner by which a state employee, teacher, participating local district employee or judge who is a member of the Maine State Retirement System and who had less than 10 years of creditable service on July 1, 1993 qualifies for a retirement benefit.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 756 changes the minimum amount of creditable service required for eligibility to receive retirement benefits from 10 years to 5 years for employee members of participating local districts and members of the state legislative retirement system and the judicial retirement system. The reduction in required creditable service was enacted last year for state employees and teachers. This change provides consistency in the laws governing the retirement of legislators, judges and participating local district employees and those governing state employees and teachers.

An Act to Ensure that Maine Citizens Injured While Working in Foreign Countries are Provided with Workers' Compensation Benefits

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

LD 2652 proposed to deny workers' compensation benefits to a resident of a foreign country, province or state who is injured while working for an employer in the State if the foreign country, province or state in which that person resides does not provide for workers' compensation protection for residents of the State who are employed and injured in that foreign country, province or state.