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120th Legislature

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Bill Summaries

Joint Standing Committee
on
Banking and Insurance

August 2001

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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
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Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing 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 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:

CARRIED OVER ..... *Bill Carried Over to Second Regular Session*
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 First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is ***September 21, 2001.***

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Joint Standing Committee on Banking and Insurance

LD 510 **An Act Concerning Indemnification and Limitation of Liability Provisions of Managed Care Participating Provider Agreements** **ONTP**

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report		Amendments Adopted
SHIELDS	ONTP	MAJ	
DOUGLASS	OTP	MIN	

LD 510 proposed to require that an indemnification provision included in a managed care participating provider agreement must apply equally to each party and prohibit the carrier or the participating provider from indemnifying the other for any amount beyond the limit of liability insurance coverage available in the State. The bill also proposed to prohibit a carrier from limiting its liability in a participating provider agreement.

LD 526 **An Act to Expand Insurance Coverage in the State** **ONTP**

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
WHEELER G	ONTP	
LEMONT		

LD 526 proposed to require health insurance carriers to offer policies providing coverage for unmarried couples under the same terms and conditions as coverage for married couples relative to the benefits or options for benefits extended to spouses of health plan members.

See related bill LD 1703.

LD 543 **An Act to Provide Universal Access to Health Care for All Citizens of the State** **ONTP**

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
PARADIS	ONTP	
MARTIN		

LD 543 was a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. The bill proposed to establish a system to provide universal access to health care for all Maine citizens.

See related bills LD 1041 and LD 1277.