

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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*State Of Maine  
120th Legislature*

*First Regular Session*

*Bill Summaries*

*Joint Standing Committee  
on  
Business and Economic Development*

*August 2001*

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**Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees**  
**August 2001**

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](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:

*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 Business and Economic Development

**LD 1001**

**An Act to Protect Consumers During Licensing Hearings**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> DOUGLASS		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1001 proposed to provide a consumer of goods or services provided pursuant to an occupational or professional license standing at a nonconsensual disciplinary action hearing regarding that license.

**LD 1012**

**An Act to Safeguard Production of Groundwater**

**PUBLIC 209  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> NUTTING J CLOUGH		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-119
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LD 1012 proposed to amend the laws governing water wells in the following ways:

1. Changes the name of the Maine Water Well Drilling Program to the Maine Water Well Program and the name of the Maine Water Well Drilling Commission to the Maine Water Well Commission;
2. Provides that the repair or replacement of a pump in a well is under the jurisdiction of the Maine Water Well Commission;
3. Establishes the categories of apprentice pump installer, journeyman pump installer and master pump installer;
4. Gives the Maine Water Well Commission the duty to license well drilling companies and pump installation companies; and
5. Changes the penalties that may be imposed for a violation of the laws governing water wells.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-119)** proposed to clarify that a person need not be licensed to remove and replace an existing pump for the purpose of well inspection or to test a pump if the pump and electrical system are not being modified.

## *Enacted law summary*

Public Law 2001, chapter 209 changes the name of the Maine Water Well Drilling Program to the Maine Water Well Program and the name of the Maine Water Well Drilling Commission to the Maine Water Well Commission. This Public Law also places the repair or replacement of a pump in a well under the jurisdiction of the Maine Water Well Commission and clarifies that a person need not be licensed to remove and replace an existing pump for the purpose of well inspection or to test a pump if the pump and electrical system are not being modified. Additionally, this law establishes the categories of apprentice pump installer, journeyman pump installer and master