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Bill Summaries

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on
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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 Labor

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 60 amends a medical benefits provision of the Workers' Compensation Act of 1992 to recognize the fact that nurse practitioners as well as physicians are authorized under Maine law to prescribe drugs.

LD 979 **An Act to Require an Additional Labor Representative on the Board of Trustees of the Maine State Retirement System** **ONTP**

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LD 979 proposed to add one member to the Board of Trustees of the Maine State Retirement System, who would be appointed by the governing body of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees and who would be a member of the retirement system through a participating local district.

LD 196, a similar bill, was also reported ONTP by the committee.

LD 981 **An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Maine Unemployment Insurance Commission** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> TUTTLE SAWYER		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 981 proposed to change the membership of the Unemployment Compensation Commission, require the commission to report yearly to the Legislature and require the commission to be located in Augusta. This bill has been carried over to the Second Regular Session.

LD 1015 **An Act Regarding Health Insurance for Firefighters** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> TUTTLE		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1015 proposed to make active and retired career municipal firefighters in the State eligible as a class to participate in the state employee health insurance program.

This bill has been carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 120th Legislature so that the Firefighters Advisory Committee may develop better data and funding options.