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Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing and joint 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 arranged alphabetically by committee name 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:

<i>CARRIED OVER PURSUANT TO HP 1212</i>	<i>Bills carried over to the 2nd Regular Session</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i>	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED IN CONCURRENCE</i>	<i>One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY</i>	<i>Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<i>ONTP</i>	<i>Ought Not To Pass report accepted</i>
<i>OTP-ND</i>	<i>Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft</i>
<i>P&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
<i>PASSED</i>	<i>Joint Order passed in both bodies</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of finally passed Resolve</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i>	<i>Bill held by Governor</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>

Please note that the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is September 13, 2003.

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Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services

LD 143

Resolve, to Improve Access to Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MARTIN BENNETT P	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 143 proposed to direct the Department of Human Services to adopt rules, which are designated as routine technical rules, for the MaineCare program to improve access to breast and cervical cancer treatment. The rules would broaden eligibility for treatment under the MaineCare program through accepting screening at health centers and presumptive eligibility of the person and the health centers.

LD 147

An Act to Allow Members of the Maine Public Drinking Water Commission to Serve More than 2 Consecutive Terms

PUBLIC 191

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MARTIN MILLETT	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 147 proposed to allow members of the Maine Public Drinking Water Commission to serve more than 2 consecutive terms.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2003, chapter 191 allows members of the Maine Public Drinking Water Commission to serve more than 2 consecutive terms.

LD 156

An Act to Require that Patients in Private Mental Hospitals Be Afforded the Same Rights As Patients in State Mental Institutions

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> BENNETT R	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 156 proposes to require the Department of Human Services to adopt rules for the enhancement and protection of the rights of patients receiving services for the treatment of mental illness from any hospital licensed by the department. It proposes to require that the rules be consistent with those adopted by the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to protect the rights of clients receiving services from that department, from a state mental health institute or from a private mental health institution under a contract with the State to receive involuntary patients.