## MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# State Of Maine 121st Legislature

### First Regular Session

### **Bill Summaries**

### Joint Standing Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development

July 2003

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## 121st Maine Legislature First Regular Session

### 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, <u>History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents</u>, 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 PURSUANT TO HP 1212	Bills carried over to the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Regular Session
CON RES XXX	Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE	
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	
DIED IN CONCURRENCEOne bo	dy accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	
EMERGENCY	Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE	Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 daysEmergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote
FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE	Bill failed to get majority vote
FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT	Bill failed to get majority voteBill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY	
INDEF PP	Bill Indefinitely Postponed
ONTP	Ought Not To Pass report accepted
OTP-ND	
P&S XXX	
PASSED	Joint Order passed in both bodies
PUBLIC XXX	
RESOLVE XXX	
UNSIGNED	Bill held by Governor
VETO SUSTAINED	Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

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.

### Joint Standing Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development

## LD 268 An Act to Support Entrepreneurship in the State Through the Maine Microenterprise Initiative Fund

**ONTP** 

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
BROMLEY	ONTP	
SULLIVAN		

LD 268 proposed to provide funds to the Maine Microenterprise Initiative Fund within the Department of Economic and Community Development for grants to organizations that provide business assistance services to microenterprises.

The Maine Microenterprise Initiative Fund received funding through PL 2003, chapter 451 (the "Part 2 Budget").

LD 275

## An Act Concerning the Membership of the Board of Dental Examiners

ONTP

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
O'BRIEN J	ONTP	

LD 275 proposed to increase the number of members of the Board of Dental Examiners from 8 to 9 by adding a 6th member of the dental profession.

#### LD 287 An Act To Amend the Home Construction Contracts Laws

**PUBLIC 85** 

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
DAVIS G	OTP-AM	H-88
GILMAN		

LD 287 proposed to increase the monetary amount at which a written home construction contract is required from \$1,400 to \$5,000. It also proposed to allow a change in the commencement and completion dates of a project if the contractor is unable to work at the project site due to the lack of readiness of the site or the unavailability of building materials.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-88) proposed to decrease the monetary amount at which a written home construction contract is required from \$5,000 in the bill to \$3,000. It also proposed to allow a change in the commencement and completion dates of a project if the contractor is unable to work at the project site due to circumstances beyond the control of the contractor, whereas the bill specified only the lack of readiness of the site or the unavailability of building materials.

#### **Enacted Law Summary**