

# 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, 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:

<i>CARRIED OVER PURSUANT TO HP 1212</i> .....	<i>Bills carried over to the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 &amp; 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&amp;S XXX</i> .....	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; 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 Business, Research and Economic Development*

**LD 384**                      **Resolve, Directing the Maine State Housing Authority To Study**                      **ONTP**  
**Ways To Promote Construction of Affordable Housing for Veterans**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SUSLOVIC DAGGETT	ONTP	

LD 384 proposed to direct the Maine State Housing Authority to examine ways to promote the construction of affordable housing for veterans.

**LD 391**                      **An Act To Provide Consumers at Chain Restaurants with Accurate, CARRIED OVER**  
**Accessible Nutrition Information**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FAIRCLOTH BROMLEY		

LD 391 proposes to give the Department of Human Services rule-making authority. The bill also proposes to require that, beginning July 1, 2004, restaurants with 20 or more locations in the nation provide nutrition information on menu boards, menus and packaging.

**LD 396**                      **An Act To Allow Dealers of Manufactured Housing To Install Oil**                      **PUBLIC 89**  
**Tanks**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BENNETT R	OTP-AM	S-23

LD 396 proposed to allow licensed dealers of manufactured housing to install oil tanks.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-23)** proposed to replace the bill. The amendment proposed to allow an employee of a manufactured housing dealer or owner of a manufactured housing dealership to install oil tanks in housing sold by the dealer or dealership if the employee or owner were the named corecipient of a joint limited license issued for this purpose. The amendment proposed to require that in order to receive the joint limited license the named employee or owner would complete 4 hours of training, and that the license would be revoked upon that employee's termination from the dealer's employ or the owner's dealership ceasing to operate as a manufactured housing dealer.

***Enacted Law Summary***

Public Law 2003, chapter 89 allows an employee of a manufactured housing dealer or owner of a manufactured housing dealership to install oil tanks in housing sold by the dealer or dealership if the employee or owner is the named corecipient of a joint limited license issued for this limited purpose. The joint limited license requires the named employee or owner to complete 4 hours of training, and is revoked upon that employee's termination from the dealer's employ or the owner's dealership ceasing to operate as a manufactured housing dealer.