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Bill Summaries

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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 684 **An Act To Provide Health Coverage for Smokers Who Suffer from Smoking-related Illnesses** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> JOY		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 684 proposed to create a smoker illness program and a smoker illness fund with the purpose of providing coverage to smokers for smoking-related illnesses. The proposed fund would consist of 40% of the revenue derived from the cigarette tax. This program and fund would be administered by the Department of Human Services.

LD 711 **Resolve, To Lower the Costs of Prescription Drugs through the Use of the Federal Public Health Service Act** **RESOLVE 29**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> TREAT KANE		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 711 proposed to require the Department of Human Services to study and report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by January 1, 2004 on the benefits that could be recognized by the State if it utilized Section 340B of the federal Public Health Services Act to provide prescription drugs to Maine's most vulnerable patient populations. The resolve proposed to authorize the committee to report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 121st Legislature.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2003, chapter 29 requires the Department of Human Services to study and report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by January 1, 2004 on the benefits that could be recognized by the State if it utilized Section 340B of the federal Public Health Services Act to provide prescription drugs to Maine's most vulnerable patient populations. The resolve authorizes the committee to report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 121st Legislature.

LD 713 **An Act to Support Health Care Safety Net Programs** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MARTIN		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 713 proposes to provide funding for the Bureau of Health, within the Department of Human Services, to make grants to federally qualified health centers, Indian Health Service - supported centers and the Maine Primary Care Association to support health care safety net programs. The additional funding would be offset by an increase in the cigarette tax from \$1 to \$1.05 per pack.