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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 767

Resolve, Directing the Department of Human Services To Enact Rules To Reduce the Health Risks Associated with Latex Gloves

RESOLVE 70

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PENDLETON DUPLESSIE	OTP-AM	S-177 S-225 BRENNAN

LD 767 proposed to prohibit the sale and use of nonsterile latex gloves. The bill proposed to authorize the sale of low-protein, nonpowder sterile latex gloves to licensed health facilities and medical personnel solely for use in surgical procedures and only if the benefits outweigh the risks and the patient, or person who may make medical decisions for the patient, consents.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-177) proposed to replace the bill with a resolve that directs the Department of Human Services, Bureau of Health to adopt rules requiring the development of protocols regarding the use of latex gloves. It proposed to direct the Bureau of Health to report back to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services regarding the rules, the development of protocols, the anticipated impact of the protocols and whether legislation is required to further address allergies to latex gloves by January 30, 2004. It proposed to designate the rules as routine technical rules.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-225) proposed to remove responsibility for rulemaking regarding latex gloves protocols for commercial and industrial sites and state agencies from the Department of Human Services, Bureau of Health and instead requires the Department of Labor to study such uses and recommend legislation.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-485), which was not adopted, proposed to add emergency medical services to the health care settings subject to rulemaking regarding latex gloves.

See amendment to LD 767 in errors bill LD 274, removing appropriation mistakenly not removed by Senate Amendment "A".

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2003, chapter 70 directs the Department of Human Services, Bureau of Health to adopt rules requiring the development of protocols regarding the use of latex gloves. It directs the Bureau of Health to report back to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services regarding the rules, the development of protocols, the anticipated impact of the protocols and whether legislation is required to further address allergies to latex gloves by January 30, 2004. It designates the rules as routine technical rules. The resolve directs the Department of Labor to study the use of latex gloves in commercial establishments, industrial facilities and state agencies.