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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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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 Business, Research and Economic Development

LD 1033

**An Act To Require the Maine State Housing Authority To
Guarantee Security Deposits for Low-income Renters**

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> LAVERRIERE-BOUC		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1033 proposed to authorize the Maine State Housing Authority to guarantee the security deposit of a person who qualifies and receives rent assistance from the Federal Government as long as that person is capable of paying the security deposit to the landlord in monthly installments over a one-year period.

LD 1054

**An Act To Require Continuing Education in the Cosmetology,
Barbering, Aesthetics and Manicuring Fields**

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> BLISS		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP MAJ OTP MIN		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1054 proposed to establish a continuing education requirement for people engaged in the practice of cosmetology, manicuring, aesthetics and barbering and set criteria for the applicants, the continuing education courses and the entities that provide the courses.

LD 1085

**An Act To Provide Security Deposit Assistance to Renters
Receiving Federal Rent Assistance**

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> STRIMLING		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1085 proposed to require the Maine State Housing Authority to pay the security deposit for a person who qualifies and receives rent assistance from the Federal Government. This bill also proposed to require that the security deposit be paid directly to the landlord.

LD 1086

An Act To Require a 30-Day Deferment Period To Pay Bills

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> STRIMLING		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1086 proposed to allow consumers 30 days to pay a bill relating to a consumer transaction for goods or services.