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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

prohibits unlicensed sales of tobacco products using telephonic or other electronic method of voice transmission or delivery services or the Internet. It imposes requirements on delivery sales and provides for enforcement by the Attorney General. It provides for seizure and forfeiture of contraband products in the same manner as and in accordance with the provisions applicable to contraband cigarettes.

LD 1256 **An Act To Prohibit Unethical Drug Marketing Practices** **ONTP**

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

LD 1256 proposed to restrict the offer of gifts and other inducements by a drug manufacturer or drug distributor to a health care practitioner or health care provider.

LD 1260 **An Act To Improve MaineCare Cost-of-care Procedures Affecting Nursing Facility Residents and to Establish Clearer Duties for Powers of Attorney** **ONTP**

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

LD 1260 proposed to provide that an individual who held a power of attorney, served as a guardian or conservator or otherwise served as a personal representative of a resident of a nursing facility, assisted living facility, residential care facility or related facility had a fiduciary duty with respect to that individual's actions on behalf of that resident. Such an individual would apply the available resources of the resident to make timely payment for services rendered by a licensed health care facility to the resident and work to secure available coverage, including coverage from the Medicare and MaineCare programs.

LD 1260 also proposed to require the Department of Human Services, to the extent reasonably practicable, to determine on a prospective basis the MaineCare cost of care of an individual MaineCare recipient residing in a nursing facility or other health care institution and make monthly prospective MaineCare payments to the health care institution. It proposed to provide that the department could not retroactively reduce the amount of the MaineCare payment to a nursing facility or other health care institution unless the individual MaineCare recipient or the recipient's responsible party had paid to the nursing facility or other health care institution the additional amount for which the department had determined the individual MaineCare recipient was responsible.