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*State Of Maine
121st Legislature*

*Second Regular Session and
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Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Business, Research and Economic Development*

May 2004

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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/billsumm.htm).

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:

- CON RES XXX..... Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
- CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died
- DIED BETWEEN BODIES..... House & Senate disagree; bill died
- DIED IN CONCURRENCE..... One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill
- DIED ON ADJOURNMENT..... Action incomplete when session ended; bill died
- EMERGENCY Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days
- FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE..... Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote
- FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE..... Bill failed to get majority vote
- FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote
- NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died
- INDEF PP Bill Indefinitely Postponed
- ONTP..... Ought Not To Pass report accepted
- OTP-ND Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft
- P&S XXX..... Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
- PASSED..... Joint Order passed in both bodies
- PUBLIC XXX..... Chapter # of enacted Public Law
- RESOLVE XXX..... Chapter # of finally passed Resolve
- UNSIGNED..... Bill held by Governor
- VETO SUSTAINED Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Please note that the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is April 30, 2004; and non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Special Session is July 30, 2004. Four bills (LD's 1572, 1629, 1636 and 1637) that were considered at the First Special Session in August 2003 are also included in these summaries.

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Joint Standing Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development

LD 1773 **An Act To Amend the Definition of "Electrical Installations" in the Laws Governing Electricians** **PUBLIC 603**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SIMPSON BRYANT	OTP	

LD 1773 proposed to amend the laws governing electricians to include complete installations related to photovoltaic, fuel cell and wind power generation systems in the definition of "electrical installations."

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2003, chapter 603 amends the laws governing electricians to include complete installations related to photovoltaic, fuel cell and wind power generation systems in the definition of "electrical installations."

LD 1795 **An Act To Permit the Filling of a Prescription Refill Prior to the End of the Prescription** **ONTP**

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

LD 1795 proposed to allow pharmacists to refill a prescription for a nonnarcotic drug up to a week prior to the end of the prescription if the refill were ordered by a registered professional nurse providing nursing services in a home setting. The bill also proposed to direct the Maine Board of Pharmacy to adopt routine technical rules to implement the section.

LD 1801 **An Act To Control Adult Entertainment Establishments** **PUBLIC 595**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PARADIS	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	H-733

LD 1801 was a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. It proposed to prohibit the operation of adult entertainment establishments within a specified radius of churches, schools, public parks and residential zones. Under the bill, "adult entertainment establishment" would be defined as a sexually oriented business, including, but not limited to, adult amusement stores, adult video stores, adult bookstores, adult novelty stores, adult motion picture theaters, on-site video screening establishments, adult arcades, adult entertainment nightclubs or bars, adult spas, establishments featuring strippers or erotic dancers and escort agencies. It also proposed to require State licensing of all adult entertainment establishment owners, managers and employees.