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Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
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Summary of Legislation Considered by the Joint Standing Committees
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Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing 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 organized by committees 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. A subject index for each committee is included immediately before the bill summaries for that committee, and a numerical index by LD number is included 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:

- CARRIED OVER Bill Carried Over to Second Regular Session
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
OTP ND/NT..... Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title
P&S XXX..... Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
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 the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is June 29, 2005; and for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Special Session is September 17, 2005.

Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services

LD 181 **Resolve, Requiring the Department of Health and Human Services To Reimburse Henrietta D. Goodall Hospital for 2002 MaineCare Costs** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> TUTTLE COURTNEY		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 181 proposed to direct the Department of Health and Human Services to fully pay Henrietta D. Goodall Hospital for its 2002 MaineCare costs by October 15, 2005.

LD 182 **An Act To Provide Funding for Domestic Violence Shelters** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> GROSE MAYO		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 182 proposed the collection of an additional fee of \$1 for each marriage license issued in the State. The fee would be deposited into a special revenue fund for the operation of domestic violence shelters.

LD 196 **An Act To Enhance MaineCare Reimbursement Rates for Ambulance Services** **INDEF PP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> TUTTLE MAYO		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-239
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LD 196 proposed to require the Department of Health and Human Services to conduct an annual review of the adequacy of reimbursement rates paid to licensed ambulance services under the MaineCare program. The bill proposed to require the department to adjust reimbursement rates to levels that are no less than the average federal Medicare reimbursement rates for the same services. See PL 2005, chapter 326, Part FF1 & 2 for appropriation and allocation for this purpose.

LD 201 **An Act To Discontinue Transitional Child Care Services** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> DUPREY		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 201 proposed to eliminate transitional child care benefits under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.