

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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*State Of Maine  
122nd Legislature*

*Second Regular Session*

*Bill Summaries*

*Joint Standing Committee  
on  
Appropriations and Financial Affairs*

*July 2006*

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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 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](http://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 (Pocket Veto).....	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 August 23, 2006.

*Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs*

**LD 263**

**An Act To Support and Expand Nursing Education Opportunities  
at Maine's Public Universities**

**ONTP**

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

LD 263 proposed ongoing General Fund appropriations beginning in fiscal year 2005-06 of \$1,000,000 to increase the availability of education opportunities in nursing at Maine's public universities in order to address the shortage of nurses in the State.

(Note: 2005 Public Law, chapter 519, Part A provided an appropriation of \$375,000 in fiscal year 2006-07 for this purpose.)

**LD 273**

**An Act Regarding the So-called Katie Beckett Benefits in the  
MaineCare Program**

**PUBLIC 633**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BRENNAN EDMONDS	OTP-AM	S-647

LD 273 proposed repealing the provision of law authorizing the Department of Health and Human Services to apply for a waiver or amend a pending or current waiver in the MaineCare program to impose cost sharing for children receiving coverage under the so-called Katie Beckett provisions. These provisions proposed benefits to children with disabilities who receive services while residing at home. Premiums under the proposed cost sharing arrangement were associated with collection from families of \$900,000 in the 2004-05 supplemental budget.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-647)** proposed to require the Department of Health and Human Services to consult with stakeholders prior to implementing changes to the Katie Beckett waiver policy.

***Enacted law summary***

Public Law 2005, chapter 633 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to consult with stakeholders prior to implementing changes to the Katie Beckett waiver policy.