

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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*State Of Maine  
122nd Legislature*

*First Regular Session and  
First Special Session*

*Bill Summaries*

*Joint Standing Committee  
on*

*Business, Research and Economic Development*

*August 2005*

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Summary of Legislation Considered by the Joint Standing Committees
August 2005

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 Business, Research and Economic Development*

LD 267

**An Act To Ensure Sufficient Staffing To Properly Enforce the  
Laws and Rules of the Manufactured Housing Board**

P & S 25

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HASTINGS	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	S-114

LD 267 proposed to provide an Other Special Revenue funds allocation for one Manufactured Housing Inspector position and related All Other effective October 1, 2005.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-114)** proposed to replace the bill. It proposed to increase the Other Special Revenue funds allocation for one Manufactured Housing Inspector position and related All Other effective October 1, 2005.

*Enacted law summary*

Private and Special Law 2005, chapter 25 increases the Other Special Revenue funds allocation for one Manufactured Housing Inspector position and related All Other effective October 1, 2005.

LD 288

**Resolve, To Improve Maine's Economic Competitiveness**

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RECTOR DOW	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

LD 288 proposed to direct the Department of Economic and Community Development to review existing regulatory and tax laws to identify areas where businesses in the State are placed in a competitive disadvantage in relation to other states and suggest necessary reforms to correct apparent problems in a report to the Legislature due December 7, 2005.

**LD 304**

**An Act To Allow People To Buy Motor Vehicles on Sundays**

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LINDELL NASS R	ONTP	

LD 304 proposed to remove the current prohibition on sales of motor vehicles on Sunday. Due to the repeal of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17, section 3203, the current exception for the sale of motor homes on Sundays is no longer necessary and was proposed to be repealed in this bill.