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Bill Summaries

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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**.

LD 677	Resolve, Regarding Access to Geographic Information System Data	ONTP

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
BROMLEY	ONTP	
CROSBY		

LD 677 directs the Maine Emergency Management Agency to develop reasonable restrictions on who may access state geographic information system data. It also requires the Maine Emergency Management Agency to establish and collect identifying information from anyone wishing to access such data, including but not limited to personal identification, address and the purpose for which the data is being requested.

LD 685	An Act To Waive Continuing Education Requirements and To Provide an Automatic Extension of a License, Certificate or Registration for Mobilized Military Members	PUBLIC 111

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
BROMLEY	OTP-AM	S-121
SMITH N		

LD 685 proposed to grant a waiver of continuing education requirements for licenses, certifications and registrations of mobilized members of the military during a mobilization period and for 6 months thereafter. It would also extend licenses, certificates and registrations to engage in a profession or occupation for mobilized military members during a mobilization period plus 6 months.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-121) proposed to grant a waiver of certain lobster apprentice and commercial fishing license requirements for members of the National Guard or the Reserves of the United States Armed Forces who are on active duty.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 111 provides a waiver of continuing education requirements for licenses, certifications and registrations of mobilized members of the military during a mobilization period and for 6 months thereafter. It also extends licenses, certificates and registrations to engage in a profession or occupation for mobilized military members during a mobilization period plus 6 months. Public Law 2005, chapter 111 also provides for a waiver of certain lobster apprentice and commercial fishing license requirements for members of the National Guard or the Reserves of the United States Armed Forces who are on active duty.