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Bill Summaries

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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, <u>History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents</u>, 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*.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-272) proposed to specify the exact date, instead of a range of years, by which speech-language pathology aides have to meet the requirements for registration as speech-language pathology assistants.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 2005, chapter 12 provides speech-language pathology aides additional time to meet the requirements for registration as speech-language pathology assistants.

Private and Special Law 2005, chapter 12 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 20, 2005.

LD 1283   **An Act To Allow Applicants for Limited Radiographer Licenses To Take Qualifying Views**   **PUBLIC 166 EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
PINKHAM	OTP-AM	H-319
PINKHAM		

LD 1283 proposed to permit the Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners to allow applicants for a limited radiographer license to take their qualifying views.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-319) proposed to replace the bill. The amendment proposed to provide that individuals concurrently obtaining the education and clinical training required by the Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners by rule may take qualifying views for the purpose of obtaining a limited radiographer license. This amendment proposed to add an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 166 provides that individuals concurrently obtaining the education and clinical training required by the Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners by rule may take qualifying views for the purpose of obtaining a limited radiographer license.

Public Law 2005, chapter 166 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 20, 2005.

LD 1299   **Resolve, To Establish the Commission to Study the Efficiency of State Business Assistance Services**   **ONTP**

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
MOODY	ONTP	
COWGER		

LD 1299 proposed to create the Commission to Study the Efficiency of State Business Assistance Services and direct the commission to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development.