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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
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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.

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for the fund, as well as a detailed account of each institution's required assessment. It also removes the previous requirement that transfers to the Maine Research and Development Evaluation Fund must be implemented by financial order contingent upon the recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs. Finally, the law repeals the language requiring the department to develop and implement a marketing campaign to attract and retain youth in Maine.

LD 1509 **An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Manufactured Housing Board** **PUBLIC 344**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HASTINGS MILLETT	OTP-AM	S-260

LD 1509 proposed to amend the laws governing the Manufactured Housing Board. The bill proposed to amend the definitions of "dealer," "installer," "mechanic" and "manufactured housing." The bill also proposed to enact definitions for the terms "developer dealer" and "manufacturer's agent." It proposed to require licensing of developer dealers and manufacturer's agents.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-260) proposed to delete all references to the term "manufacturer's agent" in the bill. It also proposed to clarify that active licensees of the Real Estate Commission are exempt from the licensing requirements for selling or brokering used manufactured housing and new manufactured housing if such housing is sold or offered for sale by a licensee of the Manufactured Housing Board.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 344 amends the laws governing the Manufactured Housing Board. The law amends the definitions of "dealer," "installer," "mechanic" and "manufactured housing." The law also enacts a definition for the term "developer dealer" and requires licensing of developer dealers. The law also clarifies that active licensees of the Real Estate Commission are exempt from the licensing requirements for selling or brokering used manufactured housing and new manufactured housing if such housing is sold or offered for sale by a licensee of the Manufactured Housing Board.

LD 1522 **An Act To Provide Consumers an Itemized Receipt for Gasoline Purchased with a Credit or Debit Card** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUPLESSIE	ONTP	

LD 1522 proposed to require that a person, firm, partnership, association, corporation or limited liability company that accepts a credit card or debit card for the retail purchase of gasoline must provide to the purchaser at the gasoline pump a receipt that includes the total number of gallons purchased and the price per gallon.