

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

BILL SUMMARIES  
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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES**

**JULY 1993**

This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature. The volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries.

The committee report or reports, the prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor in each house if one has been designated are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>P&amp;S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>CARRIED OVER</i>	<i>Bill carried over to Second Session</i>
<i>ONTP</i>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<i>ENACTMENT FAILED</i>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i>	<i>House &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference formed but unable to agree</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including secretaries: Charlene Raymond and Valarie Parlin.

If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

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**LD 1389**

**An Act to Restructure the Department of Defense and Veterans' Services**

CARRIED OVER

**SPONSOR(S)**

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

MORRISON

**SUMMARY**

This bill reorganizes the Department of Defense and Veterans' Services by moving the Maine Emergency Management Agency to the Department of Public Safety. It requires the appointment of the Adjutant General to be reviewed and confirmed by the Legislature. The Deputy Adjutant General position is abolished and in its place the Adjutant General may appoint an assistant adjutant general who will be the Director of the Military Bureau. This position must rotate between members of the Air National Guard and the Army National Guard every 3 years. It also requires the military to comply with all state statutes and rules unless expressly exempted. Compliance of the state military with antidiscrimination requirements is clarified and military personnel are allowed to appeal personnel decisions to the Maine Human Rights Commission. The bill also makes persons activated in the National Guard subject to the Military Code of Justice.

This bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session.

**LD 1411 An Act Concerning the Eligibility of Children of Disabled Veterans to Obtain Education Benefits**

CARRIED OVER

**SPONSOR(S)**

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

SUMMERS

**SUMMARY**

This bill enables a spouse or a child of an eligible veteran who wants to pursue a course of study that is not available at a state-supported school or institution in this State to attend a state-supported postsecondary school or institution in a state that offers that course of study, with tuition paid by the Division of Veterans' Services.

This bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session.

**LD 1458 An Act to Clarify the Role and Purpose of the Maine State Retirement System**

CARRIED OVER

**SPONSOR(S)**

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

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**SUMMARY**

This bill transfers the retirement system's audit functions to the Department of Audit. It directs the Executive Director of the Maine State Retirement System to simplify payroll and reporting requirements and requires the establishment of a schedule of fees, interest and penalties related to failure to provide accurate and complete information and failure to provide information necessary in a timely manner. The bill allows the system to begin to pay retirement benefits on the basis of estimated benefits, with subsequent correction on receipt of final payroll and other necessary information. The bill provides that the executive director, with approval of the Board of Trustees of the Maine State Retirement System, may delegate the executive director's duties to other retirement system staff. The bill revises the current statutory requirement that the system's actuary prepare an evaluation of each