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**STATE OF MAINE  
117TH LEGISLATURE**

**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**JUNE 1996**

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**ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
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***Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees  
June 1996***

We are pleased to provide this summary of bills that were considered by the 15 Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature staffed by this office. The document is a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill, committee amendments and other relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken on the bill. 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 handled by the joint standing committees. It is organized alphabetically 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. Two indices, a subject index and a numerical index by LD number are provided for easy reference to bills. They are located 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.

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:

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

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is July 4, 1996.

practice unless they are prohibited by other sections of law but may only prescribe from a restricted list of non-controlled legend drugs.

To be eligible for a license an applicant must be a graduate of a board-approved naturopathic medical college that is accepted by an agency of the federal government. It is not a requirement of the law and one of the schools that these medical college graduates have undergraduate degrees.

**LD 1860 An Act to Amend the Petroleum Market Share Act**

PUBLIC 627

Sponsor(s)  
ROWE

Committee Report  
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted  
H-839

The following reports are currently required by law to be made to the Attorney General until September, 1996:

- A. Wholesaler reports on the total gallons of home heating oil and motor fuel oil sold by the wholesaler to each retail outlet or retailer;
- B. Wholesaler reports on the total gallons of home heating oil and motor fuel oil supplied by the wholesaler to each retail outlet controlled by the wholesaler during any portion of the reporting period;
- C. Wholesaler reports on the total gallons of home heating oil and motor fuel oil sold by the wholesaler from a bulk storage facility or depot directly to any end user for consumption in the State; and
- D. Refiner reports setting forth the total gallons of home heating oil and motor fuel supplied by the refiner to each retail outlet controlled by the refiner and the total gallons of home heating oil and motor fuel oil sold by the refiner from a bulk storage facility or depot directly to any end user for consumption in the State.

The purpose of these reports is to assist in enforcing the law against anti-competitive and unfair trade practices. The Attorney General is to report to the Legislature yearly concerning the concentration of retail outlets. An advisory committee is established to consult with the Attorney General on these matters.

LD 1860 proposed to extend reporting provisions of the Petroleum Market Share Act for a 4-year period. The yearly cost of this program was estimated at \$48,000, which sum was to be obtained from the petroleum industry.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-839)** proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

***Enacted law summary***

Public Law 1995, chapter 627 extends the wholesaler and refiner reporting requirements of the Petroleum Market Share Act for a 4-year period.

**LD 1865 Resolve, to Extend the Reporting Deadline of the Export Financing Services Study Group**

RESOLVE 70  
EMERGENCY

Sponsor(s)  
LONGLEY

Committee Report  
OTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 1865 proposed to extend the reporting deadline for the Maine World Trade Association to study export financing services from January 1, 1996 to November 1, 1996 as required by Resolve 1995, chapter 17.

***Enacted law summary***

Resolve 1995, chapter 70 extends the reporting deadline for the Maine World Trade Association to study export financing services from January 1, 1996 to November 1, 1996 as required by Resolve 1995, chapter 17.