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**STATE OF MAINE
118TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES
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ON
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

JULY 1997

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**ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR AND FIRST SPECIAL SESSIONS**

**Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
August 1997**

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. 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*
- 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 26, 1997 and September 19, 1997 for the First Special Session.

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LD 892

An Act to Require Municipalities to Purchase Insurance by Competitive Bidding

ONTP

Sponsor(s)
BENOIT
GOOLEY

Committee Report
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 892 proposed to require municipalities to use a competitive bidding process when purchasing insurance. The bill mirrored the current requirement of competitive bidding for school districts.

LD 926

Resolve, Creating a Special Commission to Erect a Plaque in the Hall of Flags Honoring Those Who Served in the Civilian Conservation Corps from Maine

ONTP

Sponsor(s)
CHICK
KILKELLY

Committee Report
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 926 proposed to create a special commission to erect a plaque in the Hall of Flags honoring members of the Civilian Conservation Corps from Maine.

LD 937

An Act Relating to the State's Deferred Compensation Plan

PUBLIC 204

Sponsor(s)
MAYO
MILLS

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
H-232

LD 937 proposed to:

Allow an increase in the number of firms providing investment products to state employees participating in tax-deferred arrangements;

Change the name of the Advisory Council on Deferred Compensation Plans to the Advisory Council on Tax-deferred Arrangements;

Clarify the eligibility and requirements of firms selected by the advisory council to manage or receive contributions as part of a tax-deferred arrangement; and

Allow state employees to use tax-deferred arrangements authorized for state and local employees by the Internal Revenue Code but previously unavailable under prior state law.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-232) clarified a reference, removed the Maine State Retirement System from the Advisory Council on Tax-deferred Arrangements and allowed participants to continue to invest with a previously selected firm if they already have an established account. The Commissioner of Administrative and Financial