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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 1009**An Act to Equalize the Energy Efficiency Standards for Multifamily Residential Structures Funded by Public Funds****ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MURRAY	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1009 proposed to repeal the law that requires higher insulation standards in multifamily residential buildings funded in whole or in part by public funds in which electric heat is installed.

LD 1025**An Act Concerning Licensing and Recertification of Licensed Counseling Professionals****PUBLIC 128**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> BOLDUC RAND	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-135
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LD 1025 proposed to allow licensed professional counselors to renew a license lapsed due to insufficient continuing education, once the continuing education requirements had been met.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-135) proposed to clarify that the Board of Counseling Professionals Licensure would adopt rules outlining how a licensee would reactivate an inactive license. The bill's summary inaccurately noted that only licensed clinical professional counselors were eligible for inactive status. As the bill was written all counseling professionals are eligible for inactive status.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 128 allows licensed professional counselors to renew a license lapsed due to insufficient continuing education, once the continuing education requirements have been met. The Board of Counseling Professionals Licensure will adopt rules outlining how a licensee can reactivate an inactive license.

LD 1049**An Act to Amend the Real Estate Brokerage Laws****PUBLIC 209**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> CAMERON JENKINS	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-289
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LD 1049 proposed to amend the Real Estate Brokerage laws in the following ways:

1. Repeals the requirement that a home service company or sales agent obtain a license for the sale or solicitation of applications for home service contracts. It would also repeal requirements relating to required deposits, bonds and reserves.
2. Repeals the licensing requirement for timeshare agents.