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SECOND REGULAR AND SECOND SPECIAL SESSIONS

Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
May 1998

We are pleased to provide this summary of bills that were considered by the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature. 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 handled by the joint standing 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. 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:

- 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 Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is June 30, 1998 and July 9, 1998 for the Second Special Session. Second Special Session laws include Public Laws beginning with Chapter 718, Private and Special Laws beginning with Chapter 82 and Resolves beginning with Chapter 117.

5. It transfers permitting authority for aboveground flammable liquid storage facilities from the Office of the State Fire Marshal to the Propane and Natural Gas Board.
6. It amends the general provisions governing occupational and professional licensing to provide for a choice of civil or criminal prosecution for unlicensed practice.
7. It transfers the administrative responsibility for the Maine State Pilotage Commission from the Office of Licensing and Registration to the Department of Transportation.
8. It clarifies that the boards listed under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 8001-A are included in the complaint procedure of Title 32, section 60-G.
9. It clarifies that the plumbing code applies to internal plumbers and not external or subsurface sewage disposal rules.
10. It clarifies that the enforcement of the plumbing code is the joint responsibility of municipalities and the Plumbers' Examining Board.
11. It clarifies the referenced inspections with respect to propane and natural gas.

LD 2203

An Act to Create the Maine Economic Opportunity Advisory Committee

INDEF PP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 2203 proposed to create the Maine Economic Opportunity Advisory Committee to continue the work of the Task Force to Study Equal Economic Opportunity for All Regions of the State. The purpose of the committee was to advise the Legislature on ways to improve economic development opportunities for all regions of the State.

LD 2229

An Act to Implement Recommendations of the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development Relating to the Review of the Maine Development Foundation under the State Government Evaluation Act

PUBLIC 662

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 2229 proposes to implement the recommendations of the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development relating to its review of the Maine Development Foundation under the State Government Evaluation Act.

This bill proposed that for the Board of Directors of the Maine Development Foundation determine annual support levels for private and public corporators. It also proposed to set the minimum number of directors at 15