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**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.

An Act to Amend the Authority of the Adjutant General to Sell Armories, to Increase the Authorized Size of the Veterans' Memorial Cemetery and to Authorize the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to Purchase Land in Houlton for a New Public Safety Facility

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 2212 proposed to remove the authority of the Adjutant General to sell the Sanford Armory. It would authorize the Adjutant General to sell the Bath, Brunswick and Millinocket armories, a six and one-half acre parcel of land across the road from the Belfast Armory and a two-acre parcel west of the Augusta Armory building.

The bill proposed to remove the acreage restriction for land acquisition at the Veterans' Memorial Cemetery and would authorize the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to purchase land in Houlton for a new public safety facility.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-556) proposed to clarify that the Adjutant General may sell the Bath or the Brunswick armory, but not both, and would add a feasibility study on the advisability of locating a veterans' cemetery in Aroostook County to the bill.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-581) proposed to make technical corrections to the committee amendment.

Senate Amendment "B" (S-582) proposed to remove the authority granted by the bill to the Adjutant General to sell a two-acre parcel of land west of the Augusta Armory building.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 783 removes the authority of the Adjutant General to sell the Sanford Armory. It authorizes the Adjutant General to sell the Bath or Brunswick and Millinocket armories and a six and one-half acre parcel of land across the road from the Belfast Armory. This law removes the acreage restriction for acquiring land at the Veteran's Memorial Cemetery and directs a study to examine the feasibility of locating a veteran's cemetery in Aroostook County. This law also authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to purchase land in Houlton for a new public safety facility.