

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE  
119TH LEGISLATURE**

**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
TAXATION**

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TO: Members, Joint Standing Committee on Taxation  
 FROM: Julie Jones, Legislative Analyst  
 DATE: July, 2000  
 RE: **BILL SUMMARIES, 119th LEGISLATURE, 2nd REGULAR SESSION**

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation during the 2nd Regular Session of the 119th Legislature. The summary describes each bill or order and relevant amendments as well as the final action. Also included is a statistical summary of bill activity by the committee. Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the 2nd Regular Session (unless a later date is specified in a particular law) is August 11, 2000. Joint Orders are effective when passed.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills handled by the committee this session. It is organized by bill (LD) number and two indices are located at the back of the document that group bills by subject and by LD number. 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  
*NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY*..... Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died  
*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  
*READ AND PASSED*..... Joint Order passed by the House and Senate  
*PASSED AS AMENDED*..... Joint Order passed as amendment by the House and Senate

A complete summary of bills for all committees will be available in the very near future. Copies will be on file in the Law and Legislative Reference Library and Senate and House offices. You will also soon be able to access these bill summaries from our website.

I hope you find this information useful. If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Best wishes for an enjoyable summer.

## JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

LD 103

**An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission to Study Poverty Among Working Parents with Regard to State Earned Income Credit**

**INDEF PP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
POVICH DAGGETT	OTP-AM	H-812

LD 103 was carried over from the First Regular Session. The bill proposed to implement the recommendations of the Commission to Study Poverty Among Working Parents by establishing a state earned income tax credit equal to 20% of the federal earned income tax credit for families with income below 100% of the federal poverty level, 15% for families with income from 100% to 133% of the federal poverty level and 10% for families with income from 133% to 185% of the federal poverty level.

**Committee Amendment "B" (H-812)** proposed a nonrefundable state earned income tax credit equal to 5% of the federal earned income tax credit for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2000. This provision was added to the Supplemental Budget Bill (LD 2510) and was enacted in Public Law 1999, chapter 731, Part V.

**LD 166**

**An Act to Amend the Public Property Tax Exemption**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
O'GARA MACK	ONTP	

LD 166 was carried over from the First Regular Session. The bill proposed to exclude certain property of public water districts from exemption from property tax. The property covered included water treatment plants, water ozonization plants and the property of those plants. The issue addressed in this bill was the subject of a law suit, *Portland Water District v. Town of Standish*, 740 A.2d 564 (1999), in which the Maine Supreme Judicial Court ruled that the property addressed by this bill was exempt from property tax under current law.

LD 297

**An Act to Exempt Capital Gains from the Maine Income Tax**

**DIED ON  
ADJOURNMENT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BUCK	OTP-AM	H-890

LD 297 was carried over from the First Regular Session. The bill proposed a state income tax exemption for all income derived from capital gains.