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**STATE OF MAINE  
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**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

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**ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE**  
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**Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing and Select Committees**  
**August 1999**

We are pleased to provide this summary of all bills that were considered by the Joint Standing and Select Committees of the Maine Legislature this past session. 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 and select committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the 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](http://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  
*ENACTMENT FAILED*..... Bill failed to get vote required for enactment or final passage  
*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

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is September 18, 1999.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-118)** proposed to retain the current membership of the board at eight members, but decreased from six to five those who are licensed for the practice of funeral service and increased from two to three those who must be representatives of the public. This amendment would eliminate the requirement that one of the members of the board must represent the interests of senior citizens and must be selected from a list of applicants provided by a national organization of retired persons. Instead, a national organization of retired persons would be permitted to submit a list of applicants for use in the selection of one of the public members. This amendment set an effective date of January 1, 2000.

***Enacted law summary***

Public Law 1999, chapter 91 changes the composition of the membership of the State Board of Funeral Service. It decreases from 6 to 5 the number of members who are licensed for the practice of funeral service and increases from 2 to 3 the number of members who must be representatives of the public. A national organization of retired persons may submit a list of applicants for use in the selection of one of the public members. Chapter 91 was enacted with an effective date of January 1, 2000.

**LD 455**                      **An Act to Repeal the Law Requiring Retailers to Post Motor Vehicle Fuel Prices**                      **VETO SUSTAINED**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MACK DOUGLASS	OTP	

LD 455 proposed to repeal a section of law that required the posting of prices of motor vehicle fuels sold. The Legislature enacted the bill, however, the Governor vetoed the bill. The veto was sustained.

**LD 464**                      **An Act Concerning Notification by Oil Burner Technicians of Inadequate Chimneys**                      **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAMPBELL		

LD 464 is being carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature. The bill proposes to exempt oil burner technicians from disciplinary actions involving the installation or servicing of oil burning equipment in an unsafe chimney. It does not, however, require that the oil burner technician notify the property owner and the Office of the State Fire Marshal concerning the condition of the chimney before making the repair or installation.

**LD 483**                      **An Act to Include a Denturist on the Board of Dental Examiners**                      **PUBLIC 124**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MICHAUD STANLEY	OTP-AM	H-163 TOWNSEND S-58

LD 483 proposed to increase the membership of the Board of Dental Examiners by adding a denturist.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-58)** proposed to clarify the bill by specifying that a dentist would be added to the Board of Dental Examiners until January 1, 2001. After January 1, 2001, the size of the board would revert back to seven members. This amendment also added an allocation section and a fiscal note to the bill.

**House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-163)** proposed to provide an allocation to the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Board of Dental Examiners rather than to the Office of Licensing and Registration for the additional costs that would result from increasing the membership of the board.

*Enacted law summary*

Public Law 1999, chapter 124 increased the membership of the Board of Dental Examiners from 7 to 8 by adding a dentist to the Board until January 1, 2001. After January 1, 2001, the board reverts back to 7 members.

**LD 505                                      An Act to Exempt Free Clinics from Payment of Pharmaceutical Registration Fees                                      PUBLIC 42**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PINGREE SULLIVAN	OTP-AM	S-20

LD 505 proposed to amend the Maine Pharmacy Act by including a free clinic in the definition of drug outlet. The bill also proposed to exempt free clinics from registration fees required under the Maine Pharmacy Act.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-20)** proposed to give the Board of Pharmacy the authority to exempt a free clinic from fees required under the Maine Pharmacy Act. This amendment also added a fiscal note to the bill.

*Enacted law summary*

Public Law 1999, chapter 42 amends the Maine Pharmacy Act by including free clinic in the definition of drug outlet, defines free clinic and authorizes the Maine Board of Pharmacy to exempt a free clinic from fees required under the Act.

**LD 526                                      Resolve, Creating the Commission to Study Economic Development Opportunities for Lewiston and Auburn                                      CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MENDROS BENNETT		

LD 526 is being carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature. The resolve proposes to establish the Commission to Study Economic Development Opportunities for Lewiston and Auburn.

**LD 576                                      An Act to Update and Amend the Maine Pharmacy Act                                      PUBLIC 130  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAMERON	OTP-AM	H-205 O'NEAL H-80