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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.

LD 693 proposed to require the Cub Care Program to be administered by a private third-party health benefits administrator licensed under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 24 or 24-A beginning January 1, 2000.

**LD 721**

**An Act to Amend the Radon Registration Act**

**PUBLIC 76**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TESSIER CATHCART	OTP-AM	H-91

LD 721 proposed to amend the Radon Registration Act to allow the Department of Human Services to authorize radon testing devices and facilities that are approved by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-91)** proposed to replace the bill. It proposed to remove reference to the United States Environmental Protection Agency to allow radon testing devices and facilities that have proven their proficiency to the Department of Human Services.

This bill was submitted on behalf of the Department of Human Services.

***Enacted law summary***

Public Law 1999, chapter 76 amends the Radon Registration Act to allow the Department of Human Services to authorize radon testing devices and facilities that have proven their proficiency to the Department of Human Services.

**LD 725**

**Resolve, to Study the Confidentiality of Information Regarding Persons Receiving Services Funded in Whole or in Part by the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services**

**RESOLVE 30**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KANE MITCHELL B	OTP-AM	H-266

LD 725 proposed to restrict the release of mental health information among members of local service networks to information concerning persons whose care is paid for in whole or in part by the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-266)** proposed to replace the bill, changing it to a resolve. It proposed to require the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to study the confidentiality of information regarding persons receiving services funded in whole or in part by the department and report its findings and any recommended legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by December 1, 2000. The study would include participation from consumers and providers of services, Legislators and local service networks and would consider the requirements of professional ethical standards and state and federal laws, rules and regulations.

***Enacted law summary***