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ON
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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
July 2000

We are pleased to provide this summary of 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).

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

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is August 11, 2000.

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LD 1000**An Act to Provide Insurance Parity for Substance Abuse Treatment****ONTP**

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

LD 1000, which was carried over from the First Regular Session, proposed to require that all individual and group health insurance contracts provide coverage for substance abuse treatment under the same terms and conditions as coverage for physical conditions and illnesses. The bill would have applied to all policies and contracts issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2000.

LD 1158**An Act to Ensure Equality in Mental Health Coverage for Children and Adults****ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BROOKS PARADIS	ONTP	

LD 1158, which was carried over from the First Regular Session, proposed to require that all individual and group health insurance contracts provide coverage for biologically-based mental illness under the same terms and conditions as coverage for physical illness. The bill proposed to add the eating disorders, anorexia and bulimia, to the list of biologically-based mental illnesses that qualify for parity coverage. LD 1158 also proposed to require that all health insurance contracts provide parity coverage for all mental illnesses and disorders diagnosed in children under 18 years of age listed in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Health Disorders, 4th Edition.

LD 1493**An Act Regarding Private Long-term Disability Insurance for Mental Illnesses****ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PERRY	ONTP MAJ OTP MIN	

LD 1493, which was carried over from the First Regular Session, proposed to require all long-term disability insurance policies or contracts offered by group or individual insurers to cover disabilities resulting from certain biologically-based mental illnesses. These mental illnesses would have included major depressive disorder, schizophrenia, obsessive-compulsive disorder, panic disorder, paranoia, bipolar disorder and autism.