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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).

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 pasage*
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 ToPass 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.

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midwife participating in the managed care plan, without a referral from a primary care physician. Under current law, enrollees are only allowed to self-refer to a participating provider for an annual gynecological examination.

LD 1218 An Act Relating to Automobile Rental Supplemental Liability Insurance PUBLIC 270

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
O'NEIL	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-341

LD 1218 proposed to allow car rental agents to sell limited supplemental automobile liability insurance in connection with the rental of a motor vehicle without having to take a licensing examination.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-341) proposed to replace the bill. It proposed to require a motor vehicle rental company and at least one employee of the rental company at each location in the State to be licensed as a limited insurance producer for the solicitation or sale of liability insurance in connection with and incidental to the rental of a motor vehicle for a period not to exceed 60 days.

The amendment also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 270 requires a motor vehicle rental company and at least one employee of the rental company at each location in the state be licensed as a limited insurance producer for the solicitation or sale of liability insurance in connection with and incidental to the rental of a motor vehicle for a period not to exceed 60 days.

LD 1241 An Act to Create a Single-payor System for Universal Health Care ONTP

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
TWOMEY	ONTP	

LD 1241 proposed to do the following.

Part A of the bill would have established the Maine Health Care Authority to administer the Maine Health Care Plan, a universal health care plan for all Maine residents. Part A proposed that the authority contract with an administrator for the administration of the Maine Health Care Plan. It also would have assigned to the Maine Health Care Authority the tasks of creating a comprehensive state health resource plan, establishing a global budget and ensuring the quality and affordability of health care in the State.

Part B would have required the Maine Health Care Authority and the Department of Human Services to coordinate the Maine Health Care Plan with the health benefits provided under the Medicaid and Medicare programs. The department would have required to apply for all waivers necessary to integrate the Medicaid program with the Maine Health Care Plan, and the authority would have required to apply for all waivers necessary to coordinate the benefits of the Maine Health Care Plan and the Medicare program.

Part C would have eliminated the requirement for the Department of Human Services to create a health resource plan. This Part also proposed to repeal the certificate of need program.

Part D would have allowed the members of the board of the Maine Health Care Authority to be paid for expenses incurred by them.