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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 1253**An Act to Create the Board of Cemetery and Crematory Services****ONTP**

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

LD 1253 was carried over from the First Regular Session and proposed to create the Board of Cemetery and Crematory Services to assist the Attorney General in the investigation of consumer complaints concerning cemeteries and crematories and to work closely with the Department of Human Services, Bureau of Health and Office of Data Research and Vital Statistics on issues relating to cemetery and crematory operations.

LD 1414**Resolve, to Support Downtown Revitalization through the Location of State Facilities and Targeting Economic Development Funding****ONTP**

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

LD 1414 was carried over from the First Regular Session and proposed to direct the Department of Economic and Community Development to develop a state policy that would give preference to downtown areas for the location of state facilities and would avoid contributing to urban sprawl. Under the bill, the Department of Economic and Community Development would work with other state agencies in developing the policy including the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, the Department of Transportation, the Maine State Housing Authority and the Finance Authority of Maine.

LD 1665**Resolve, to Promote Natural Resource-based Industries****RESOLVE 99**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KILKELLY DUNLAP	OTP-AM	S-549

LD 1665 was carried over from the First Regular Session and proposed to direct the State Planning Office to develop a report that:

1. Proposed ways to ensure that state resources dedicated to natural resource-based industries are equitable with state resources dedicated to other business development;
2. Analyzed the current needs of the workforce for natural resource-based industries and the education programs that service that workforce; and
3. Proposed new education programs that will encourage individuals to enter into the fishing, farming and forestry industry.