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**STATE OF MAINE  
119TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
BANKING AND INSURANCE**

**JULY 1999**

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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.

Part E would have repealed the statutes creating the State Employee Health Commission and the Health Insurance Plan for State Employees. State employees would be insured under the Maine Health Care Plan.

Part F would have required the Bureau of Insurance and the Maine Health Care Authority to study the statutes and regulations enforced by the bureau and report to the Legislature regarding any statutory changes needed to coordinate the role of the bureau with the implementation of the Maine Health Care Plan.

Part G would have required the Department of Human Services to submit legislation to make technical corrections to the statutes necessitated by this Act, including cross-references.

See related bill LD 2059.

**LD 1258**

**An Act Relating to Uninsured Vehicle Coverage**

**PUBLIC 271**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ABROMSON SAXL J	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	S-201

LD 1258 proposed to require that a person's uninsured or underinsured vehicle coverage must be at the same level as that person's liability coverage unless the consumer expressly rejects the equal coverage limit.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-201)** is the majority report of the committee and proposed to add a requirement that the insurer or insurance producer disclose to the purchaser of a motor vehicle liability insurance policy the requirements for uninsured motor vehicle coverage.

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

*Enacted law summary*

Public Law 1999, chapter 271 requires that a person's uninsured or underinsured vehicle coverage be at the same level as that person's liability coverage unless the consumer expressly rejects the equal coverage limit. It requires that the insurer or insurance producer disclose to the purchaser of a motor vehicle insurance policy the requirements for uninsured motor vehicle coverage.

**LD 1323**

**An Act to Ensure Affordable Access to Gynecological Services Provided by Nurse Practitioners**

**ONTP**

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

LD 1323 proposed to require that nonprofit hospital and medical service organizations, health insurers and health maintenance organizations provide coverage for gynecological services performed by a nurse practitioner. The bill would have applied to all individual and group policies and contracts issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2000.