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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 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.

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GREEN NUTTING J	ONTP	

LD 1286 proposed to add the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources as a member of the Small Enterprise Growth Board. The bill also proposed to add ethanol production or processing facilities as a business that qualifies for funding under the Small Enterprise Growth Program. Finally, the bill proposed to amend the Agricultural Marketing Loan Program by providing that an agricultural marketing loan for a start-up agricultural business or a business engaged in ethanol production or processing may be for an amount up to 80% of the total cost of the project.

LD 1292 An Act to Enhance Tourism Promotion and Provide Additional State Revenue VETO SUSTAINED

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COWGER LAWRENCE	OTP	S-406 MICHAUD

LD 1292 proposed to provide additional General Fund appropriations to the Office of Tourism and Community Development. It would provide matching funds for the Travel Promotion Matching Fund Program and enact language regarding the allocation and fund distribution procedures. It would also provide additional funding for tourism contract services.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-406) proposed to reduce the General Fund appropriation provided for the Travel Promotion Matching Fund and eliminate appropriations for contract services in the Office of Tourism.

The Legislature enacted the bill with Senate Amendment "A", however, the Governor vetoed the bill. The veto was sustained.

LD 1295 An Act Regarding Continuing Education for Professional Land Surveyors PUBLIC 335

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
POVICH	OTP-AM	H-232 H-547 O'NEAL

LD 1295 proposed to remove the March 1, 1999 repeal provision that eliminates the continuing education requirement for professional land surveyors.

This bill was submitted on behalf of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-232) proposed to add a retroactivity clause and provided for the continuing education rules enacted by the Board of Licensure for Professional Land Surveyors that were in effect on February 28, 1999 to remain in effect.

House Amendment "A" (H-547) proposed to remove the emergency preamble and the emergency clause from the bill.

Enacted law summary