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**STATE OF MAINE
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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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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.

Public Law 1999, chapter 335 removes the March 1, 1999 repeal provision that eliminates the continuing education requirement for professional land surveyors, adds a retroactivity clause and provides 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.

LD 1304

**An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding the Hiring of Physicians for
Maine Summer Camps**

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MCKEE NUTTING J	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1304 proposed to reduce certain medical training requirements to allow a physician who is in good standing and licensed as a physician in another state to be temporarily licensed as a camp physician in this State.

LD 1414

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

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> TREAT COLWELL	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1414 is being carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature. The resolve proposes to direct the Department of Economic and Community Development to develop a state policy that gives preference to downtown areas for the location of state facilities and avoids contributing to urban sprawl. The policy would incorporate a proactive strategy to promote investment in communities that have state offices or facilities that service clients including targeting economic funds to assist in renovating buildings for potential use for state facilities and providing outreach and technical assistance to communities that have state offices or facilities that service clients to attract state facilities or other businesses to downtown areas. The Department of Economic and Community Development would work with other state agencies in developing this policy including the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, the Department of Transportation, the Maine State Housing Authority and the Finance Authority of Maine. The Department of Economic and Community Development would report to the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development with its proposed strategy by January 15, 2000.

See LD 304 - Resolve, to Establish the Task Force on State Office Building Location, Other State Growth-related Capital Investments and Patterns of Development considered by the State and Local Government Committee.