

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Members, Joint Standing Committee on Taxation

From: Julie S. Jones, Legislative Analyst

Date: August, 1999

Re: Bill Summaries, 119th Legislature, 1st Regular Session

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation during the 1st Regular Session of the 119th Legislature. The summary describes each bill or order and relevant amendments as well as the final action. Also included is a statistical summary of bill activity by the committee. Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the 1st Regular Session (unless a later date is specified in a particular law) is September 18, 1999. Joint orders are effective when passed.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills handled by the committee this session. It is organized by bill (LD) number and two indices are located at the back of the document that group bills by subject and by LD number. 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*
- 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*
- READ AND PASSED ..... Joint Order passed by the House and Senate*
- PASSED AS AMENDED ..... Joint Order passed as amended by the House and Senate*

A complete summary of bills for all committees will be available in the very near future. Copies will be on file in the Law and Legislative Reference Library and Senate and House offices. You will also soon be able to access these bill summaries from our website.

I hope you find this information useful. If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Best wishes for an enjoyable summer.

from the tax would be deposited to the Highway Fund and could be used only for repair and maintenance of municipally owned roads.

**LD 1344**                      **An Act to Provide Long-term Funding for the Land for Maine's Future Program**                      **INDEF PP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ROWE PINGREE	OTP-AM	

LD 1344 proposed that until June 30, 2009, 45% of all receipts from the real estate transfer tax must be deposited in the Land for Maine's Future Fund rather than the General Fund. These funds must be used to acquire land and easements from willing sellers for public outdoor access and recreation, farmland preservation, land conservation and to protect wildlife habitat.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-390)** proposed to redraft the provisions of the bill to avoid potential future statutory conflicts.

This bill was indefinitely postponed off the Appropriations Table.

**LD 1365**                      **An Act to Amend the Procedures under the So-called Circuit Breaker Program**                      **ONTP**

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

LD 1365 proposed to require a claimant under the Maine Residents Property Tax Program to submit proof of payment of the property taxes or rent upon which a claim for benefits is made before the claim may be allowed.

**LD 1374**                      **An Act to Create a Sales Tax Exemption for Child Abuse and Neglect Councils, Child Advocacy Organizations and Community Action Agencies**                      **PUBLIC 499**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BRAGDON	OTP-AM    MAJ ONTP        MIN	S-336 LONGLEY

LD 1374 proposed to create a tax exemption for sales to child abuse and neglect councils.

**Senate Amendment "A" (S-336)** proposed to reallocate the sales tax exemption for child abuse and neglect councils to the subsection of law that currently provides an exemption to community action agencies. This amendment also adds a sales tax exemption for child advocacy organizations that are members of the Medicaid Advisory Committee.

*Enacted law summary*