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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.

LD 1436**An Act to Transfer the Regulatory Responsibilities of the Arborist Examining Board to the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources****PUBLIC 84**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
O'NEAL KONTOS	OTP	S-63 KONTOS

LD 1436 proposed to repeal the laws relating to the Arborist Examining Board and the laws that give the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation the duty to license arborists. The bill also proposed to enact laws similar to the current laws governing the licensing of arborists that give the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources the duty to license arborists.

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

Senate Amendment "A" (S-63) added an allocation section and a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 84 repeals the current laws relating to the Arborist Examining Board and the laws that give the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation the duty to license arborists. Laws similar to the current laws governing the licensing of arborists are enacted that give the Department of Agriculture, Food & Rural Resources the duty to license arborists.

LD 1437**An Act to Reorganize the Real Estate Appraisers Law****PUBLIC 185**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
O'NEAL KONTOS	OTP-AM	H-251

LD 1437 proposed to amend the Real Estate Appraisal Licensing and Certification Act. It proposed to reorganize the Act into separate subchapters containing general provisions, establishing the Board of Real Estate Appraisers and setting forth the licensing requirements and standards for appraisers. In addition, the bill proposed to define the scope of practice for each level of appraiser licensure.

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

Committee Amendment "A" (H-251) proposed to define “federally related transaction.” It also proposed to increase the number of units from 4 to 12 that are within the scope of license of a certified residential real property appraiser for nonfederally related transactions. This amendment also added a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 185 repeals and replaces the Real Estate Appraisal Licensing and Certification Act. Chapter 185 organizes the law into three subchapters containing general provisions, establishment of the Board of Real Estate Appraisers, and licensing requirements and standards for appraisers. The law also defines the scope of practice for each level of appraiser licensure.