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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.

Committee Amendment "A " (S-147) proposed to remove the provisions of the bill that establish the Quality Child Care Fund and the requirement that a development program for a development district include plans for addressing the quality child care needs of development district employers.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 272 adds quality child care to the types of businesses and projects that are considered in plans, analyses and funding by the Office of Business Development, the Economic Opportunity Program, and the Maine Economic Growth Council.

LD 1450

An Act to Amend Agency Disclosure within the Real Estate Brokerage Laws

PUBLIC 100

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> CIANCHETTE		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1450 proposed to amend the Real Estate Brokerage License Act by clarifying that the brokerage agency relationship disclosure form required by the Real Estate Commission must be provided to buyers and sellers of residential real property.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 100 amends the Real Estate Brokerage License Act by clarifying that the brokerage agency relationship disclosure form required by the Real Estate Commission must be provided to buyers and sellers of residential property. Chapter 100 also defines “residential real property.” See also LDs 11, 1083, 1176, and 2130.

LD 1482

An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Denturists

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MICHAUD STANLEY		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1482 proposed to extend the grandfather provision for denturists from the year 2000 to the year 2003, allowing denturists to obtain temporary denturists permits until January 1, 2003 and to take the denturists examination under different eligibility requirements.

LD 1483

An Act to Promote Parity on the Board of Licensure in Medicine and on the Board of Osteopathic Licensure

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> RAND		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1483 proposed to provide for an equal number of representatives of the public and physicians on the Board of Osteopathic Licensure and the Board of Licensure in Medicine.