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ON  
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**Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees**  
**July 2000**

We are pleased to provide this summary of 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](http://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:

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

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is August 11, 2000.

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**LD 1253**

**An Act to Create the Board of Cemetery and Crematory Services**

**ONTP**

Sponsor(s)  
CAMPBELL

Committee Report  
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 1253 was carried over from the First Regular Session and proposed to create the Board of Cemetery and Crematory Services to assist the Attorney General in the investigation of consumer complaints concerning cemeteries and crematories and to work closely with the Department of Human Services, Bureau of Health and Office of Data Research and Vital Statistics on issues relating to cemetery and crematory operations.

**LD 1414**

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

**ONTP**

Sponsor(s)  
TREAT  
COLWELL

Committee Report  
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 1414 was carried over from the First Regular Session and proposed to direct the Department of Economic and Community Development to develop a state policy that would give preference to downtown areas for the location of state facilities and would avoid contributing to urban sprawl. Under the bill, the Department of Economic and Community Development would work with other state agencies in developing the policy including the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, the Department of Transportation, the Maine State Housing Authority and the Finance Authority of Maine.

**LD 1665**

**Resolve, to Promote Natural Resource-based Industries**

**RESOLVE 99**

Sponsor(s)  
KILKELLY  
DUNLAP

Committee Report  
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted  
S-549

LD 1665 was carried over from the First Regular Session and proposed to direct the State Planning Office to develop a report that:

1. Proposed ways to ensure that state resources dedicated to natural resource-based industries are equitable with state resources dedicated to other business development;
2. Analyzed the current needs of the workforce for natural resource-based industries and the education programs that service that workforce; and
3. Proposed new education programs that will encourage individuals to enter into the fishing, farming and forestry industry.

The report would be submitted to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature by January 1, 2000.

**Committee Amendment “A” (S-549)** proposed to change the reporting date from January 1, 2000 to January 1, 2001 and proposed to require the State Planning Office to submit the report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over business and economic development matters instead of to the Legislature. The amendment also proposed to direct the State Planning Office to include in its report the identification of barriers to and opportunities for natural resource-based industries. The amendment also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

***Enacted law summary***

Resolve 1999, chapter 99 directs the State Planning Office to develop a report that:

1. Proposes ways to ensure that state resources dedicated to natural resource-based industries are equitable with state resources dedicated to other business development;
2. Analyzes the current needs of the workforce for natural resource-based industries and the education programs that service this workforce;
3. Proposes new education programs that will encourage individuals to enter into the fishing, farming and forestry industry; and
4. Identifies barriers to and opportunities for natural resource-based industries.

The report will be submitted to the Joint Standing Committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over business and economic development matters by January 1, 2001.

**LD 1726                      An Act to Ensure Fair Competition within the Motor Fuels Industry                      ONTP**

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

LD 1726 was carried over from the First Regular Session and proposed to amend the Petroleum Market Share Act by requiring the State to eliminate anti-competitive situations among Maine’s petroleum marketers.

**LD 1789                      An Act to Improve the Licensing Procedures for Veterinarians                      ONTP**

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