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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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ON
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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 1735**An Act to Create a Business Incentive Program****ONTP**Sponsor(s)
AHEARNECommittee Report
ONTPAmendments Adopted

LD 1735 was a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. It proposed to establish a business incentive program to reward businesses in the State that met or exceeded environmental, workplace safety and employment goals. Businesses that met those criteria would get a tax break or low-interest loans to be used for expansion and job development.

LD 1789**An Act to Improve the Licensing Procedures for Veterinarians****CARRIED OVER**Sponsor(s)
DAGGETT
GAGNONCommittee ReportAmendments Adopted

LD 1789 is being carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature. The bill proposes to enable the Board of Veterinary Medicine to charge a lesser licensing fee for veterinarians who are no longer engaged in active practice but who want to remain licensed.

The bill also proposes to clarify administrative procedures for the relicensing of veterinarians by establishing provisions very similar to those governing the relicensing of physicians.

LD 1828**An Act to Improve the Quality of Child Care****ONTP**Sponsor(s)
LAWRENCE
BERRY RCommittee Report
ONTPAmendments Adopted

LD 1828 proposed to establish the Child Care Education Scholarship Program to provide scholarships to child care workers who take courses related to early childhood education or child care from an accredited college or university. The bill proposed to make General Fund appropriations to the Child Care Education Scholarship Fund to be administered by the Finance Authority of Maine in overseeing the award of scholarships. See LD 1066.

LD 1846**An Act to Require Motion Picture Distributors to Give Exhibitors an Equal Opportunity to Bid for the Right to Exhibit Motion Pictures****CARRIED OVER**Sponsor(s)
POVICHCommittee ReportAmendments Adopted

LD 1846 is being carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature. The bill proposes to require that motion picture distributors give motion picture exhibitors an equal opportunity to bid on the right to exhibit motion pictures in the State.