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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).

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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Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 567 establishes a limited-purpose aquaculture license that authorizes the license holder to utilize approved aquaculture gear to engage in certain aquaculture activities and specifies the criteria for a license. The law prohibits a person from molesting approved aquaculture gear and establishes penalties for cutting or damaging gear. The law also establishes the Aquaculture Research Fund.

LD 1827

An Act to Establish the North Atlantic Cold Water Observatory

ONTP

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

LD 1827 proposed to establish the North Atlantic Cold Water Observatory to research the conditions of the North Atlantic Ocean, including its fisheries and climate.

LD 2341

An Act to Limit Lobster Management Zones to State Coastal Waters

DIED BETWEEN BODIES

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ETNIER	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	

LD 2341 proposed to limit lobster management zones to 3 nautical miles from the coastline of the State.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-949), the majority report of the committee, proposed to clarify how rules adopted for lobster management zones would apply if the zones were limited to the 3-mile nautical line as described on nautical charts. A lobster license holder would not be required to fish a majority of that person's traps within the license holder's declared lobster management zone when fishing beyond the 3-mile nautical line. A license holder would be subject to the most restrictive rules regarding the number of lobster traps allowed on a trawl and the time of day when lobster fishing may occur adopted for any zone in which the license holder fishes only when fishing inside the 3-mile nautical line. A license holder would be subject to the most restrictive rules regarding the number of lobster traps fished adopted for any zone in which the license holder fishes when that license holder is fishing inside the 3-mile nautical line and would be subject to the rules for the license holder's own zone when fishing beyond the 3-mile nautical line.