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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:

<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i>	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED IN CONCURRENCE</i>	<i>One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY</i>	<i>Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<i>ONTP</i>	<i>Ought Not To Pass report accepted</i>
<i>OTP ND</i>	<i>Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft</i>
<i>OTP ND/NT</i>	<i>Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title</i>
<i>P&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of finally passed Resolve</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i>	<i>Bill held by Governor</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>

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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beneficiary receives benefits under the same terms and conditions as the prior beneficiary and only until the new beneficiary dies or during the actuarially determined expected life of the prior beneficiary, whichever occurs first.

Three new retirement benefit payment options are established that allow a retiree, in certain circumstances, to have the retiree's reduced benefit restored to full benefits if the named beneficiary dies before the retiree. The new law authorizes the option of concurrent payments of retirement benefits to a retiree and a beneficiary during the life of the retiree. Notice to a member's spouse is required if the member elects a retirement option that does not name the spouse as beneficiary

Public Law 1999, chapter 744 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 3, 2000. However, chapter 744 was amended in the Errors Bill (Public Law 1999, chapter 790, part K) so that only the provisions authorizing a one-time change of a non-spousal beneficiary without the permission of the beneficiary take effect immediately. The other provisions of chapter 744 take effect August 11, 2000.

LD 1864

An Act Concerning the Political Use of Union Dues

ONTP

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

LD 1864 proposed to prohibit an employer from withholding wages to be used for political purposes and to prohibit a labor organization from using dues or fees for political purposes unless the employee whose wages are being used has authorized the withholding or use.

LD 1908

An Act to Establish as an Employee Any Person Who Collects Signatures on Petitions for Direct Initiative or People's Veto Legislation for Any Person, Firm or Organization that Contracts, Subcontracts or Agrees to Collect the Signatures for Anything of Value

ONTP

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

LD 1908 proposed to provide that any person who is paid a wage, salary or anything of value to collect signatures on petitions for direct initiative or a people's veto is an employee of any person, firm or organization that contracted, subcontracted or agreed to provide for the collection of those signatures.