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**STATE OF MAINE
119TH LEGISLATURE**

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

**BILL SUMMARIES
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
TAXATION**

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TO: Members, Joint Standing Committee on Taxation
 FROM: Julie Jones, Legislative Analyst
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 RE: **BILL SUMMARIES, 119th LEGISLATURE, 2nd REGULAR SESSION**

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation during the 2nd Regular Session of the 119th Legislature. The summary describes each bill or order and relevant amendments as well as the final action. Also included is a statistical summary of bill activity by the committee. Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the 2nd Regular Session (unless a later date is specified in a particular law) is August 11, 2000. Joint Orders are effective when passed.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills handled by the committee this session. It is organized by bill (LD) number and two indices are located at the back of the document that group bills by subject and by LD number. 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
READ AND PASSED..... Joint Order passed by the House and Senate
PASSED AS AMENDED..... Joint Order passed as amendment by the House and Senate

A complete summary of bills for all committees will be available in the very near future. Copies will be on file in the Law and Legislative Reference Library and Senate and House offices. You will also soon be able to access these bill summaries from our website.

I hope you find this information useful. If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Best wishes for an enjoyable summer.

LD 2024**An Act to Establish the Local Option Tax on Liquor, Meals and Lodging****ONTP**

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

LD 2024 was carried over from the First Regular Session. The bill proposed to allow municipalities to adopt a local option tax at a rate not to exceed 2% on liquor, meals and lodging that are provided within the municipal corporate limits. The voters of the town would be required to approve this local tax at a local referendum, unless the municipality has a charter that allows the issuance of municipal bonds without a referendum vote. The tax would apply to the same sales to which the state sales and use tax currently applies. The tax would be administered by the State and revenues less administrative costs would be returned to the municipality where collected. The additional revenue raised by the local option tax would be used by the municipality only to finance specifically approved major capital projects.

LD 2035**An Act to Clarify That Sales Catalogs and Fliers are Exempt from Sales Tax when Purchased for Redistribution at No Charge****ONTP**

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

LD 2035 was carried over from the First Regular Session. The bill proposed to provide a sales tax exemption for fliers, bulletins, catalogs or promotional materials purchased for redistribution at no charge.

LD 2101**An Act to Enhance the Maine State College Savings Program****INDEF PP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PINGREE	OTP-AM	

LD 2101 was carried over from the First Regular Session. The bill proposed a 10% income tax credit for contributions to a Maine College Savings Program account up to a maximum credit of \$1,500.

Committee Amendment “A” (S-514) proposed to replace the bill with an income tax deduction for 10%, up to a maximum of \$2,000 of contributions to a Maine College Savings Program account.

LD 2122**An Act to Base the Rate of Tax Imposed on Married Couples Solely on Income Earned in this State****ONTP**

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