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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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Committee Amendment "A" (H-1034) proposed to replace the bill with a proposal to change the definition of “date of injury” under the occupational disease law from the date of incapacity to the date the employee knew or should have known of the nature and seriousness of the disease and the causal relationship between the employment and the disease.

LD 2076

An Act to Move the Monitoring, Auditing and Enforcement of Workers' Compensation Payments to the Bureau of Insurance

ONTP

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

LD 2076 proposed to move the program for monitoring, auditing and enforcement of the workers' compensation system from the Workers' Compensation Board to the Bureau of Insurance.

LD 2104

An Act to Provide Equity for Unemployment Compensation

ONTP

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

LD 2104 proposed to eliminate the law reducing unemployment benefits for a person who receives a Social Security pension based on that person’s work history, to equalize treatment of such persons with persons who receive a Social Security pension based on their spouse’s work history.

LD 2124

An Act to Change the State Retirement System from a Defined Benefit Plan to a Defined Contribution Plan

DIED IN CONCURRENCE

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

LD 2124, which was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 119th Legislature, proposed to establish a defined contribution retirement plan for state employees and teachers hired on or after July 1, 2000. Active employees on July 1, 2000 have a choice of remaining in the current defined benefit retirement plan or joining the new plan. Under the defined contribution plan, the employer matches the employee's contribution of 6% of salary. The employee exercises sole authority over selection and management of investment options meeting Internal Revenue Code, Section 401(k) requirements.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-1094) was the minority report of the committee. The amendment proposed to make participation in the defined contribution plan established in the bill optional for state employees and teachers, provide for a range of investment options for participants, provide for disability