

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from electronic originals
(may include minor formatting differences from printed original)

**STATE OF MAINE
119TH LEGISLATURE**

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

**BILL SUMMARIES
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

JULY 1999

MEMBERS:

*Sen. Carol A. Kontos, Chair
Sen. Susan W. Longley
Sen. Bruce W. MacKinnon*

*Rep. Gary L. O'Neal, Chair
Rep. Rosaire J. Sirois
Rep. Verdi L. Tripp
Rep. Ronald E. Usher
Rep. Brian Bolduc
Rep. Jean Ginn Marvin
Rep. David E. Bowles
Rep. Harold A. Clough
Rep. Stavros J. Mendros
Rep. Kevin L. Shorey*

Staff:

Susan Johannesman, Legislative Analyst

*Office of Policy and Legal Analysis
Room 101/107/135, 13 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333
(207)287-1670*



Maine State Legislature
OFFICE OF POLICY AND LEGAL ANALYSIS

13 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0013
Telephone: (207) 287-1670
Fax: (207) 287-1275

ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-303) proposed to expand the membership and duties of the Blue Ribbon Commission to Establish a Comprehensive Internet Policy. It also added an appropriation section and a fiscal note to the resolve.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-688) proposed to provide the legislative per diem and reimbursement of expenses to members of the commission who are Legislators and to other members not otherwise compensated. This amendment also changed the reporting date of the commission and replaced the appropriation section to reflect the increased cost.

This amendment was not enacted.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-462) proposed to change the membership of the commission and change the method for appointment of chairs of the commission. This amendment also proposed to provide the legislative per diem and reimbursement of expenses to members of the commission who are Legislators. This amendment also changed the reporting date of the commission and provides that the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development may report out a bill.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 1999, chapter 89 established the Blue Ribbon Commission to Establish a Comprehensive Internet Policy.

Chapter 89 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 17, 1999.

LD 2163

An Act to Require Contractor Registration

CARRIED OVER

Sponsor(s)
POVICH

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

LD 2163 is being carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature. The bill proposes to establish in the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation a comprehensive public register of contractors doing business in the State.

The bill specifies information that the contractor must provide to the department and information that the department must provide to the registrants to ensure that they are aware of all applicable legal and ethical requirements for engaging in their particular business in Maine. The bill proposes to require registrants to renew their registration annually and pay registration fees established by the department to cover the costs of administration of this law. These requirements must be coordinated with any specific licensing or certification requirements with which the contractor must comply. Registration will not be permitted for a contractor whose license, certification or registration has been suspended or revoked in this State or any other state until the period of revocation or suspension is completed and the contractor passes a professional review.

LD 2199

An Act Concerning Licensure of Chiropractors

**PUBLIC 214
EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s)
LAWRENCE
O'NEAL

Committee Report
OTP

Amendments Adopted
S-205 KONTOS

LD 2199 proposed to include chiropractic acupuncture within the practice of chiropractic. It also proposed to direct the Board of Chiropractic Licensure to adopt rules authorizing and governing the use of chiropractic acupuncture.