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**STATE OF MAINE
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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.

LD 2186**An Act to Authorize York County to Hold Bond Referenda for New County Facilities****P & S 36**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CHICK LIBBY	OTP-AM	H-447

LD 2186 proposed to authorize the York County commissioners to seek approval from county voters to raise \$20,000,000 for construction of a new county jail facility and \$5,000,000 for construction of an addition to the county courthouse.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-447) proposed to replace references to "addition to the county courthouse" with "county office facilities." It also proposed to add a mandate preamble to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special 1999, chapter 36 requires York County to hold a referendum on the proposed construction of new county facilities. The referendum questions will ask York County voters whether they favor a \$20,000,000 bond issue for construction of a new jail facility and whether they favor a \$5,000,000 bond issue for the construction of county office facilities. The referendum questions must be submitted to the York County voters within 18 months after adjournment of the First Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.

LD 2192**An Act to Prohibit Law Suits by Municipalities Against Firearm or Ammunition Manufacturers****PUBLIC 430**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PERKINS DAVIS P	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-442

LD 2192 proposed to prohibit a municipality from bringing certain civil actions against firearm or ammunition manufacturers.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-442) was the majority report. It proposed to delete the emergency preamble and emergency clause from the original bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 430 prohibits a municipality from bringing a civil action against any firearm or ammunition manufacturer for damages resulting from or relating to the lawful design, manufacture, marketing or sales of firearms or ammunition to the public. The law does not prohibit a municipality from bringing an action against a firearm or ammunition manufacturer or dealer for breach of contract or warranty for firearms or ammunition purchased by a municipality.