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**STATE OF MAINE
119TH LEGISLATURE**

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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ON
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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.

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.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-205) proposed to require that chiropractors engaging in acupuncture obtain a chiropractic acupuncture certification from the Board of Chiropractic Licensure. Certification requirements would be developed by the Board of Chiropractic Licensure by rule and would be required to include minimum education, training and disease control components. The supervised clinical training component could be fulfilled either in conjunction with the required education or in a separate clinical setting. This amendment allowed chiropractors who were engaged in the practice of chiropractic acupuncture prior to April 30, 1999 to continue that practice; however, they must comply with all of the certification requirements within two years of the adoption of the rules. This amendment also added a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 214 includes chiropractic acupuncture within the practice of chiropractic. Chiropractic acupuncture may only be practiced by a licensed chiropractor who has received a chiropractic acupuncture certification from the Board of Chiropractic Licensure. The board is directed to adopt rules that set forth certification requirements which must include minimum education, training and disease control components. Chiropractors who were engaged in the practice of chiropractic acupuncture prior to April 30, 1999 may continue that practice but must comply with all of the certification requirements within 2 years of the adoption of rules.

Chapter 214 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 17, 1999.

LD 2217 An Act to Promote Economic Development in Androscoggin County CARRIED OVER

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| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> MENDROS NUTTING J | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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LD 2217 is being carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature. The bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

The bill proposes to implement legislation to improve economic development opportunities in Androscoggin County. It proposes to:

1. Improve the infrastructure. In effecting this goal, the recommendations of the Downtown Initiative in the Department of Economic and Community Development focusing on how to revitalize downtown areas in Maine would be implemented;
2. Enhance existing businesses and encourage job growth. As part of this goal, the manufacture of a prefabricated industrial park, ready to be occupied by businesses, would be encouraged;
3. Attract high-tech and high-wage jobs. This would be partially accomplished through the appropriation of \$300,000 each to Central Maine Technical College and Lewiston-Auburn College;
4. Encourage and promote tourism, convention activities and special events by emphasizing and advertising Androscoggin County as a destination point for these activities. Additionally, the feasibility of a convention center, built to service the State, would be explored and developed; and
5. Promote a stable economic environment through the review of current rules and regulations and taxes and making any necessary changes.