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**STATE OF MAINE  
119TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

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ON  
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**JULY 1999**

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**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](http://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 2197**

**Resolve, for Laying of the County Taxes and Authorizing Expenditures of Kennebec County for the Year 1999**

**RESOLVE 20  
EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

LD 2197 proposed to authorize the laying of the county taxes and expenditures of Kennebec County government for the year 1999.

*Enacted law summary*

Resolve 1999, chapter 20 authorizes the laying of the county taxes and expenditures of Kennebec County government for the year 1999.

Resolve chapter 20 was passed as an emergency measure effective May 10, 1999.

**LD 2234**

**An Act to Designate December 3rd as Organ Donor Awareness Day**

**PUBLIC 479**

Sponsor(s)  
ABROMSON  
ROWE

Committee Report  
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted  
S-363

LD 2234 proposed to designate December 3rd as Kate James Day. The day would commemorate the life of Kate James, who passed away while awaiting a double lung transplant. The commemorative day would be established to make citizens aware of the importance of donating organs.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-363)** proposed to replace the original bill by establishing December 3rd as Organ Donor Awareness Day. It proposed that the first annual Organ Donor Awareness Day be observed in honor of the memory of Kate James, who passed away while awaiting a lung transplant. The amendment also proposed that the Governor designate an individual to be recognized on Organ Donor Awareness Day in each subsequent year.

*Enacted law summary*

Public Law 1999, chapter 479 establishes December third of each year as Organ Donor Awareness Day. It requires that the first annual Organ Donor Awareness Day -- December 3, 1999 -- be observed in honor of the memory of Kate James, who passed away March 6, 1999 at the age of 18 while awaiting a double lung transplant. The law also requires the Governor to designate an individual to be recognized on Organ Donor Awareness Day in each subsequent year.

**LD 2240**

**An Act to Revise the Salaries of Certain Kennebec County Officers**

**PUBLIC 377  
EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

LD 2240 proposed to increase the salaries of certain county officers in Kennebec County and would apply retroactively to January 1, 1999.

***Enacted law summary***

Public Law 1999, chapter 377 establishes the 1999 salaries of county officers in Kennebec County. The 1998 salaries of the eight county officers were increased by percentages ranging from two to six percent. The increases are retroactive to January 1, 1999.

Public Law 1999, chapter 377 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 1, 1999.

**LD 2249                      Resolve, for Laying of the County Taxes and Authorizing Expenditures of Androscoggin County for the Year 1999                      RESOLVE 60 EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s)                      |                      Committee Report                      |                      Amendments Adopted

LD 2249 proposed to authorize the laying of the county taxes and expenditures of Androscoggin County government for the year 1999.

***Enacted law summary***

Resolve 1999, chapter 60 authorized the laying of county taxes and expenditures of Androscoggin County government for the year 1999.

Resolve chapter 60 was passed as an emergency measure effective June 9, 1999.

**LD 2250                      An Act to Revise the Salaries of Certain Androscoggin County Officers                      DIED BETWEEN BODIES**

Sponsor(s)                      |                      Committee Report                      |                      Amendments Adopted

LD 2250 proposed to amend current law by increasing the salaries of Androscoggin County officers by 3% in the 1999 budget year. Effective with the year 2000 county budget, the bill also would prohibit an increase in the compensation of any elected Androscoggin County officer from taking effect during the term in office in which the increase is adopted.

**Senate Amendment "A" (S-384)**, which was not adopted, proposed to remove that section of the bill that prohibits an increase in compensation of any elected Androscoggin County officer from taking effect during the term of office in which the increase is adopted.