

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE  
119TH LEGISLATURE**

**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**

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TO: Members, Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs  
 FROM: J. Timothy Leet, Senior Legislative Analyst  
 DATE: July, 2000  
 RE: **BILL SUMMARIES, 119th LEGISLATURE, 2nd REGULAR SESSION**

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs during the 2nd Regular Session of the 119th Legislature. The summary describes each bill or order and relevant amendments as well as the final action. Also included is a statistical summary of bill activity by the committee. Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the 2nd Regular Session (unless a later date is specified in a particular law) is August 11, 2000. Joint Orders are effective when passed.

The bill summaries for your committee also include 4 bills that, although discussed in work sessions, were never referred. LD's 2589, 2646, 2664 and 2692 were discussed as part of your committee process and are therefore included in this document for your information.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills handled by the committee this session. It is organized by bill (LD) number and two indices are located at the back of the document that group bills by subject and by LD number. 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*  
*READ AND PASSED ..... Joint Order passed by the House and Senate*  
*PASSED AS AMENDED..... Joint Order passed as amendment by the House and Senate*

A complete summary of bills for all committees will be available in the very near future. Copies will be on file in the Law and Legislative Reference Library and Senate and House offices. You will also soon be able to access these bill summaries from our website.

I hope you find this information useful. If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Best wishes for an enjoyable summer.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-780)** proposed to provide a position-legislative count of 3.000, to revise the personal services amount to \$90,416 and to clarify that the new position established in the resolve is an Account Clerk II position.

**LD 2337**

**Resolve, to Provide Funds to Assist in the Expansion of the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery System**

**DIED ON  
ADJOURNMENT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP-AM	H-775

LD 2337 proposed to implement one of the recommendations of the Committee to Study Standardized Periods of Military Service and Other Matters Related to the Award of State of Maine Veterans' Benefits. It would have provided a General Fund appropriation of \$65,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 to the Department of Defense, Veterans' and Emergency Management for additional operating funds for the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery System to support expansion of the system.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-775)** proposed to add a fiscal note to the resolve.

While this bill died on adjournment, a working capital advance of \$100,000 was provided in fiscal year 2000-01 in Public Law 1999, chapter 731, Part DDD for the Department of Defense, Veterans' and Emergency Management to establish the Northern Maine Veterans' Cemetery.

**LD 2343**

**Resolve, to Establish the Task Force to Reduce the Burden of Home Heating Costs on Low-income Households**

**RESOLVE 132  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BERRY R MICHAUD	OTP-AM	H-841 S-773 MICHAUD

LD 2343 proposed a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$4,500,000 to the Maine State Housing Authority for the Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program in anticipation of a projected shortfall during the 1999-2000 winter season.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-841)** proposed to create the Task Force to Reduce the Burden of Home Heating Costs on Low-income Households and included a General Fund appropriation of \$5,720 to the Legislature in fiscal year 2000-01 for expenses of the task force.

**House Amendment "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-977)** proposed to limit the authority of the task force to reporting out a "bill" rather than "legislation." This amendment also proposed that submission of the report is "for" rather than "to" the 120th Legislature.

**Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-773)** proposed to clarify the appointment of members to the Task Force to Reduce the Burden of Home Heating Costs on Low-income Households and proposed to reduce the General Fund appropriation to the Legislature by \$3,540 in fiscal year 2000-01.