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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
July 2000

We are pleased to provide this summary of 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:

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

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is August 11, 2000.

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LD 2369**An Act to Require Camp Lot Leases to Include a Clear Statement of Fact**

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KILKELLY PIEH	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

LD 2369 proposed requiring camp lot leases to include information, in clear, understandable language, regarding the lease fees and what they cover, the responsibilities of the lessee and lessor regarding roads and other maintenance, the designated contact person for lessee concerns and the amount of and an explanation of any fees such as liability insurance. It also proposed requiring a copy of any such insurance policy to be given to the lessee upon request.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-614), the minority report, proposed adding to the list of information that must be contained in camp lot leases the formula used to calculate lease fees, the time period covered by the lease and a description of the lot and its boundaries. It proposed language to clarify that the lessor must provide a copy of the insurance policy only when the lessor requires or provides insurance to lessees through a group plan. The minority report was not adopted.

LD 2376**An Act to Change the Name of the Natural Resources Information and Mapping Center to More Accurately Reflect its Roles and Duties and to Correct Inconsistent Statutes****PUBLIC 556**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
NUTTING J	OTP	

LD 2376 proposed changing the name of the Natural Resources Information and Mapping Center to the Bureau of Geology and Natural Areas to more accurately reflect the responsibilities and duties performed by the center.

Enacted law summary:

Public Law 1999, chapter 556 changes the name of the Natural Resources Information and Mapping Center to the Bureau of Geology and Natural Areas to more accurately reflect the responsibilities and duties performed by this bureau within the Department of Conservation.