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ON
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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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Committee Amendment "A" (H-828) was the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice. This amendment proposed to clarify that the State Police may provide services for public safety purposes only to private entities and may charge for providing the services. The amendment proposed to require that the revenue collected be allocated for the purpose of funding the cost of providing the services. The amendment also proposed to require that the State Police, beginning in 2001, report annually to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice matters regarding these activities. The amendment proposed to repeal on July 30, 2002, the authority of the State Police to provide assistance to federal agencies, municipalities and private entities.

The amendment also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 653 authorizes the State Police to provide services for public safety purposes only to private entities. The State Police may be reimbursed for providing these services, and revenue collected must be allocated for the purpose of funding the cost of providing the services. Public Law 1999, chapter 653 requires the State Police to report annually to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice matters and repeals the authority of the State Police to provide services to entities on July 30, 2002.

LD 2455 **An Act to Provide Parity for Federal Drug Enforcement Agents in the State of Maine** **ONTP**

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
QUINT	ONTP	
RAND		

LD 2455 proposed to expand the definition of "federal officer" to include agents of the federal Drug Enforcement Administration.

LD 2466 **An Act to Promote the Safe Conduct of Fireworks Displays in the State of Maine** **PUBLIC 671**

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
MCALEVEY	OTP-AM	H-1031

LD 2466 proposed to do the following:

1. Add definitions to clarify the regulation of fireworks and special-effect pyrotechnics;

2. Establish application procedures for obtaining a fireworks display permit;

3. Establish a mechanism for the Commissioner of Public Safety to deny or revoke a fireworks display permit;