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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-1057) proposed replacing the original bill with a resolve. The resolve proposed creating the Legislative Committee to Study Access to Private and Public Lands in Maine. It proposed directing the committee to gather information and study issues relating to access to lands beyond checkpoints operated by landowners and landowner associations. LD 2486 was not enacted.

The Committee to Study Access to Private and Public Lands in Maine was established by Joint Order (H.P. 1951).

LD 2512

An Act to Create a State-sponsored Voluntary Logger Certification Program

ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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LD 2512 proposed directing the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Forestry to develop a low-cost, voluntary logger certification program. The bill would have required the program to include training in first aid and emergency medical response, best management practices and chain saw safety, timber harvesting laws and the fundamentals of forestry.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-991), the minority report of the committee, proposed adding the Department of Education to the list of agencies the Bureau of Forestry must cooperate with in developing a voluntary logger certification program. It proposed expanding eligibility to participate in the program to people seeking training prior to employment in timber harvesting and landowners harvesting timber on their own land. It proposed adding an independent logger to the membership of the advisory board. It proposed requiring the Department of Conservation to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over forestry matters by January 15, 2001 with a plan for a voluntary logger certification program. The minority report was not adopted.

LD 2528

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter (unassigned): Rules Governing the Licensing and Inspection of Farm Cheese, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources

**RESOLVE 92
EMERGENCY**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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