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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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3. It allows for the sharing of confidential information with the affiliated boards, and it allows for license recognition between states.
4. It maintains the provisions of current law that require separate dedicated revenue accounts for each board, commission and regulatory program, as well as the requirement that these boards, commissions and programs be self-supporting. It also authorizes the Director of the Office of Licensing and Registration to establish fees for each program through rulemaking, subject to the individual fee caps established by the Legislature, and to establish a uniform policy with respect to late renewals.
5. It allows application review to be performed by staff of the Office of Licensing and Registration in accordance with criteria established by statute or through rules adopted by a board or commission.
6. It amends individual board statutes. Title 10 is amended to remove a requirement that all Manufactured Housing Board licensees receive personal notice of all meetings and hearings and copies of rules. Title 32 is amended to allow the Board of Boilers and Pressure Vessels to extend an inspection certificate beyond 14 months and provisions that govern when inspections of boilers and pressure vessels must be performed are amended. The number of board members on the Board for Licensure of Architects, Landscape Architects and Interior Designers; the Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners; the Board of Counseling Professionals Licensure; and the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology is reduced to 9. Physician members are removed from the Board of Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters, the Board of Examiners on Pathology and Audiology and the Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners.
7. It provides for an allocation for one Health Board Investigator position and one Manufactured Housing Board Field Inspector position.

LD 2560

An Act to Amend the Acreage Requirements for a Cemetery to Contain a Columbarium

PUBLIC 620

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SULLIVAN LAFOUNTAIN	OTP-AM	H-926

LD 2560 proposed to reduce the number of acres from 20 to 5 that a cemetery must have in order to erect a columbarium, community mausoleum or crematory.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-926) proposed to clarify that the acreage requirement is reduced only to erect a columbarium.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 620 reduces the number of acres from 20 to 5 that a cemetery must have in order to erect a columbarium.