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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
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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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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAXL M KONTOS	OTP	

LD 2570 proposed to prohibit an individual who actually installed, serviced or sold elevator or lift equipment from inspecting that equipment. The bill also proposed to limit the prohibition to a 12-month period following the installation, service or sale of that equipment.

#### *Enacted law summary*

Public Law 1999, chapter 627 prohibits a person who is licensed as an elevator and lift inspector from inspecting any equipment that person has installed, serviced or sold within the preceding 12-month period.

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KONTOS O'NEAL	OTP-AM MAJ OTP-AM MIN	S-658

LD 2578 proposed to establish the allocations of the state ceiling on issuance of tax-exempt bonds for calendar year 2000. Under federal law, a maximum of \$150,000,000 in tax-exempt bonds benefiting private individuals or entities may be issued in Maine each year. The bill allocates the state ceiling among the state-level issuers of tax-exempt bonds.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-658)** is the majority report and replaced the bill. The amendment proposed to reallocate \$10,000,000 of the state ceiling for calendar year 1999 previously allocated to the Finance Authority of Maine for educational loans to the Maine Educational Loan Authority for the issuance of supplemental education loans.

Under federal law, a maximum of \$150,000,000 in tax-exempt bonds benefiting private individuals or entities may be issued in Maine each year. The amendment proposed to allocate the state ceiling for calendar year 2000 among the state-level issuers of tax-exempt bonds in the following manner:

1. Ten million dollars to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank;
2. Ninety million dollars to the Maine State Housing Authority;
3. Twenty-five million dollars to the Finance Authority of Maine;
4. Ten million dollars to the Maine Educational Loan Authority; and
5. Fifteen million dollars is unallocated and must be reserved for future allocation.

The amendment also proposed to make partial allocations of the state ceiling for calendar year 2001 among the state-level issuers of tax-exempt bonds in the following manner:

1. Ten million dollars to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank;
2. Forty million dollars to the Maine State Housing Authority;
3. Twenty-five million dollars to the Finance Authority of Maine;
4. Up to \$10,000,000 to the Maine Educational Loan Authority in the event that the 1999 reallocation of \$10,000,000 is not reallocated; and
5. Sixty-five million dollars is unallocated and must be reserved for future allocation.

**Committee Amendment "B" (S-659)** is the minority report and replaced the bill. The amendment proposed to reallocate \$10,000,000 of the state ceiling for calendar year 1999 previously allocated to the Finance Authority of Maine to the Maine Educational Loan Authority for the issuance of supplemental education loans.

Under federal law, a maximum of \$150,000,000 in tax-exempt bonds benefiting private individuals or entities may be issued in Maine each year. The amendment proposed to allocate the state ceiling for calendar year 2000 among the state-level issuers of tax-exempt bonds in the following manner:

1. Ten million dollars to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank;
2. Ninety million dollars to the Maine State Housing Authority;
3. Twenty-five million dollars to the Finance Authority of Maine;
4. Ten million dollars to the Maine Educational Loan Authority; and
5. Fifteen million dollars is unallocated and must be reserved for future allocation.

The amendment also proposed to make partial allocations of the state ceiling for calendar year 2001 among the state-level issuers of tax-exempt bonds in the following manner:

1. Ten million dollars to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank;
2. Forty million dollars to the Maine State Housing Authority;
3. Twenty-five million dollars to the Finance Authority of Maine; and
4. Seventy-five million dollars is unallocated and must be reserved for future allocation.

The amendment differs from Committee Amendment "A" because it does not propose to allocate any portion of the state ceiling for calendar year 2001 to the Maine Educational Loan Authority. Committee Amendment "B" was not adopted.

#### *Enacted law summary*

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 82 establishes the allocations of the state ceiling on issuance of tax-exempt bonds for calendar year 2000 and makes partial allocations of the state ceiling for calendar year 2001 among the state-level issuers of tax-exempt bonds. Under federal law, a maximum of \$150,000,000 in tax-exempt bonds benefiting private individuals or entities may be issued in Maine each year.

The law also reallocates \$10,000,000 of the state ceiling for calendar year 1999 previously allocated by Public Law 1999, chapter 443 to the Finance Authority of Maine to the Maine Educational Loan Authority.

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 82 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 14, 2000.

**LD 2610**                      **An Act to Require Warranty Certification for Snowmobiles and All-terrain Vehicles**                      **PUBLIC 692**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> CAMPBELL FERGUSON	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-988
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LD 2610 proposed to require a person who registers a snowmobile or ATV for the first time in Maine to present a certificate from a licensed dealer that the snowmobile or ATV has had all recall or service update repairs performed on the snowmobile or ATV. The bill also proposed to require that the owner be registered with the manufacturer of that snowmobile or ATV so that the owner would receive future recall or service notices from the manufacturer.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-988)** proposed to replace the original bill. It proposed to require that a person who registers a new snowmobile or ATV provide proof that the vehicle has been registered with the manufacturer of the snowmobile or ATV for warranty protection and safety or recall notices.

***Enacted law summary***

Public Law 1999, chapter 692 requires that a person who registers a new snowmobile or ATV provide proof that the vehicle has been registered with the manufacturer of the snowmobile or ATV for warranty protection and safety or recall notices.

**LD 2640**                      **An Act to Amend the Program Evaluation Report Contents of the State Government Evaluation Act**                      **PUBLIC 661**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 2640 implements a recommendation of the Task Force to Study the Effect of Government Regulation on Small Businesses. It adds a requirement that each agency or program under a State Government Evaluation Act review: