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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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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RUHLIN ROWE	OTP-AM	S-583 S-791 MICHAUD

LD 2585 proposed to give members of the Maine National Guard a full grant of tuition at the University of Maine System, the Maine Maritime Academy, the Maine Technical College System and any other Maine postsecondary education institution as long as the member maintains at least a 2.0 grade point average and serves in the Maine National Guard for at least one year after the tuition assistance is granted. The tuition grant would be given by the Maine National Guard. This bill also proposed that a member of the Maine National Guard attending the University of Maine System, the Maine Maritime Academy or the Maine Technical College System would qualify for in-state tuition rates.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-583), which was not adopted, proposed to add nonsubstantive, clarifying language to the bill. It also proposed to add an appropriation section and a fiscal note to the bill.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-791) proposed to strike the committee amendment. The amendment would change the original bill to a resolve and create a pilot program that would give members of the Maine National Guard a full grant of tuition at the University of Maine System, the Maine Maritime Academy, the Maine Technical College System and any other Maine postsecondary education institution as long as the member maintains at least a 2.0 grade point average and serves in the Maine National Guard for at least one year after the tuition assistance is granted. The tuition grant would be given by the Maine National Guard.

This amendment also proposed that a member of the Maine National Guard attending the University of Maine System, the Maine Maritime Academy or the Maine Technical College System would qualify for in-state tuition rates.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 1999, chapter 121 creates a pilot program that gives members of the Maine National Guard a full grant of tuition at the University of Maine System, Maine Maritime Academy, the Maine Technical College System and any other Maine post-secondary education institution as long as the member maintains at least a 2.0 grade point average and serves in the Maine National Guard for at least one year after the tuition is granted. If a member attends the University of Maine System, Maine Maritime Academy or the Maine Technical College System then the member qualifies for in-state tuition rates.

Resolve 1999, chapter 121 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective May 5, 2000.