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STATE OF MAINE  
119TH LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
BANKING AND INSURANCE

JULY 2000

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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](http://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 GOLDTHWAIT	ONTP MAJ OTP MIN	

LD 2627 proposed to create a Community Health Plan Demonstration Project to be implemented by the Mount Desert Island Community Health Plan with oversight from the Superintendent of Insurance and the Department of Human Services. The target population of the project is small employers and self-insured employers. The purpose of the project is to determine the economic viability and health care quality associated with a community-based health plan providing access to affordable health care to participating purchasers through a purchasing alliance while at the same time providing a reasonable reimbursement to participating health care providers and maintaining local community control.

The bill also proposed to make an appropriation for the Community Health Plan Demonstration Project Guaranty Fund to cover potential losses incurred by the target risk pool during the 3-year benefit period under the project.

See related joint order, HP 1857.

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAXL J ABROMSON		S-720 PINGREE

Joint Order HP 1857, proposed to establish a joint select committee to study the creation of a public/private purchasing alliance to ensure access to health care for all Maine citizens. The select committee would have consisted of the 13 members of the Joint Standing Committee on Banking and Insurance and would have been charged with studying the public policy, regulatory and legislative issues related to the creation of a purchasing alliance. The joint order proposed to have the select committee submit a report, along with any recommended legislation, by December 1, 2000.

**Senate Amendment "A" to HP 1857** proposed to include in the committee's duties the possibility of creating a pilot project for a community-based health plan. Senate Amendment "A" was not adopted.

**Senate Amendment "B" to HP 1857** proposed to change the membership of the committee from 13 members of the Joint Standing Committee on Banking and Insurance to 5 members who serve as legislators. The amendment also proposed to include in the committee's duties the possibility of creating a pilot project for a community-based health plan. Senate Amendment "B" was adopted in the Senate, but was not adopted in the House.