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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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1. Identify how the agency works with other state and federal agencies to coordinate services and eliminate redundant and overlapping requirements; and
2. Compare federal laws and regulations to state laws and rules implemented by the agency.

**LD 2650**

**An Act to Clarify the Enforcement Authority of the Manufactured Housing Board**

**PUBLIC 725  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LAWRENCE	OTP-AM	S-649

LD 2650 was a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. The bill proposed to clarify the enforcement authority of the Manufactured Housing Board.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-649)** proposed to permit the Manufactured Housing Board to enforce the preemption provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 9042, subsection 3 against municipalities and to allow a more expansive private right of action in favor of those adversely affected by a violation of the manufactured housing law. It also proposed to clarify the role of municipal code enforcement officers regarding the inspection of new manufactured housing for violations of the manufactured housing law and the rules adopted pursuant to that law. The amendment also proposed to provide the Manufactured Housing Board with the authority to review denials of applications for certificates of occupancy in certain limited situations and proposed to authorize the Manufactured Housing Board to issue certificates of occupancy. The amendment also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

***Enacted law summary***

Public Law 1999, chapter 725 permits the Manufactured Housing Board to enforce the preemption provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 9042, subsection 3 against municipalities and allows a more expansive private right of action in favor of those adversely affected by a violation of the manufactured housing law. It also clarifies the role of municipal code enforcement officers regarding the inspection of new manufactured housing for violations of the manufactured housing law and the rules adopted pursuant to that law. Finally, it provides the Manufactured Housing Board with the authority to review denials of applications for certificates of occupancy in certain limited situations and authorizes the Manufactured Housing Board to issue certificates of occupancy.

Public Law 1999, chapter 725 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 14, 2000.

**LD 2675**

**An Act to Create a Linked Investment Program for Child Care Providers**

**INDEF PP**

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