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**STATE OF MAINE
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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

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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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LD 2569

Resolve, to Authorize the Waldo County Commissioners to Borrow not more than \$600,000 to Build a Waldo County Communications and 9-1-1 Center

**RESOLVE 98
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LINDAHL LONGLEY	OTP-AM	H-909

LD 2569 proposed to authorize the Waldo County commissioners to borrow up to \$400,000 for the construction of a communications and 9-1-1 center in Waldo County.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-909), proposed to change the title of the resolve, to increase the amount that could be borrowed from \$400,000 to \$600,000 and to require the Waldo County commissioners to hold a county-wide referendum to obtain voter authorization to borrow the funds necessary to build the county communications and 9-1-1 center.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 1999, chapter 98 authorizes the Waldo County commissioners to hold a county-wide referendum to obtain voter approval of a proposal to borrow up to \$600,000 to construct a county communications and 9-1-1 center.

Resolve 1999, chapter 98 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 3, 2000.

LD 2655

An Act to Amend and Clarify the Powers and Duties of the Lake Arrowhead Community, Incorporated

P & S 81

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LIBBY MCALEVEY	OTP MAJ ONTP MIN	H-1090 AHEARNE

LD 2655 proposed to amend the charter of the Lake Arrowhead Community, Incorporated, to forbid the community from charging the towns of Limerick and Waterboro membership fees and assessments for property owned by the municipalities.

House Amendment "A" (H-1090) proposed to remove the emergency preamble and emergency clause from the bill.

Senate Amendment "B" (S-699), which was not adopted, proposed to replace the language in the bill to clarify that the charter of the Lake Arrowhead Community, Incorporated does not authorize the corporation to charge a fee or assessment to a municipality other than that explicitly authorized by any other law or ordinance.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 81 amends the charter of the Lake Arrowhead Community, Incorporated, by forbidding the community from charging the Town of Limerick and the Town of Waterboro membership fees and assessments for property owned by the municipalities.

LD 2676

An Act to Repeal Certain Inactive Boards and Commissions and to Amend Certain Laws Governing Boards and Commissions

PUBLIC 668

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

H-1091 AHEARNE

LD 2676, which was reported by the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government pursuant to Joint Order H.P. 1850, proposed to repeal a number of inactive boards and commissions. Board or commissions proposed to be repealed were:

1. Advisory Board to Privatize the Maine Health Program;
2. Advisory Council on Energy Efficiency Building Performance Standards;
3. Board of Trustees, Sludge and Residuals Utilization Research Foundation;
4. Children's Residential Treatment Committee;
5. Commission on Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering;
6. Commission on Nursing Supply and Educational Accessibility;
7. Commodity Marketing Committee;
8. Early Retirement Incentives Review Panel;
9. Interdepartmental Coordinating Council for Early Intervention;
10. Interdepartmental Council;
11. Jail Industry Authority Board of Directors;
12. Maine Advisory Committee on Children with Special Needs;
13. Maine Family Support Council;
14. Maine Highway Safety Commission;
15. Maine Marketing Advisory Board;