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**STATE OF MAINE
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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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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;

16. Maine Potato Marketing Committee;
17. Maine Quality Management Council;
18. Marine Research Board;
19. Medical Specialty Advisory Committee on Anesthesiology;
20. Medical Specialty Advisory Committee on Emergency Medicine;
21. Medical Specialty Advisory Committee on Obstetrics and Gynecology;
22. Medical Specialty Advisory Committee on Radiology;
23. Mental Health Rights Advisory Board;
24. Municipal Capital Investment Advisory Commission;
25. New England Interstate Planning Commission, effective August 1, 2003;
26. Policy Review Board;
27. Region III Crisis Intervention Program Advisory Board;
28. Regional Family Support Councils; and
29. Residential Treatment Center Advisory Group.

LD 2676 also proposed to strike several statutory cross-references to the repealed boards and commissions. It also proposed to make changes to the reporting date for boards or commissions to file annual reports with the Secretary of State and it proposed to repeal an outdated sunset provision of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 379. LD 2676 also proposed to make minor changes to the auditing requirements for the Lobster Promotion Council and to the appointing requirements for the Board of Trustees, Mining Excise Tax Trust Fund.

House Amendment "A" (H-1091), proposed to make a technical correction to the original bill by repealing only the Municipal Capital Investment Advisory Commission. It also proposed to retain the statutory language for the Municipal Infrastructure Investment Trust Fund.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 668 repeals a number of inactive boards and commissions. Those repealed boards and commissions are:

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;
16. Maine Potato Marketing Committee;
17. Maine Quality Management Council;
18. Marine Research Board;
19. Medical Specialty Advisory Committee on Anesthesiology;
20. Medical Specialty Advisory Committee on Emergency Medicine;
21. Medical Specialty Advisory Committee on Obstetrics and Gynecology;
22. Medical Specialty Advisory Committee on Radiology;
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28. Regional Family Support Councils; and

29. Residential Treatment Center Advisory Group.

The law also strikes several statutory cross-references to the repealed boards and commissions. It also makes changes to the reporting date for boards or commissions to file annual reports with the Secretary of State and it repeals an outdated sunset provision of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 379. Public Law 1999, chapter 668 also makes minor changes to the auditing requirements for the Lobster Promotion Council and to the appointing requirements for the Board of Trustees, Mining Excise Tax Trust Fund.

LD 2677

An Act to Revise the Salaries of Certain Kennebec County Officers

**PUBLIC 662
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP MAJ	
	ONTP MIN	

LD 2677 was reported by the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government, pursuant to Joint Order H.P. 1822. LD 2677 proposed to increase the salaries of certain county officers in Kennebec County and would apply retroactively to January 1, 2000.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 662 increases the salaries of certain county officers in Kennebec County. It applies retroactively to January 1, 2000.

Public Law 1999, chapter 662 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 10, 2000.

LD 2678

Resolve, for Laying of the County Taxes and Authorizing Expenditures of Kennebec County for the Year 2000

**RESOLVE 109
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP MAJ	
	ONTP MIN	

LD 2678 was reported by the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government pursuant to Joint Order H.P. 1822. This resolve proposed to authorize the laying of the county taxes and to authorize expenditures of Kennebec County for the year 2000.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 1999, chapter 109 authorizes the laying of the county taxes and authorizes expenditures of Kennebec County for the year 2000.