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*Bill Summaries*

*Joint Standing Committee  
on  
Health and Human Services*

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**Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees**  
**August 2001**

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing 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 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:

*CARRIED OVER*..... *Bill Carried Over to Second Regular Session*  
*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 First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is **September 21, 2001**.

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# Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services

LD 1830 proposed:

1. To make certain changes in the laws regarding tax anticipation notes; and
2. To authorize spending for prescription drug programs from other similar programs, providing flexibility in the event that coverage is interrupted by litigation.

Enacted as an emergency measure, this law takes effect June 28, 2001, except that Section B-1 takes effect May 26, 2001.

See also LD 1790 and Public Law 2001, chapter 471.

## *Enacted law summary*

Public Law 2001, chapter 467 does the following:

1. Makes certain changes in the laws regarding tax anticipation notes; and
2. Authorizes spending for prescription drug programs from other similar programs, providing flexibility in the event that coverage is interrupted by litigation.

Public Law 2001, chapter 467 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 28, 2001.

**HP 1139**

**JOINT ORDER – relative to the Joint Study Commission to Review Compensation in the Office of Disability Determination Services**

**ONTP**

Sponsor(s)  
WATSON

Committee Report  
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

HP 1139 proposed to establish the Joint Study Commission to Review Compensation in the Office of Disability Determination Services.

**HP 1141**

**JOINT ORDER – relative to the Joint Study Committee to Study the Most Appropriate Means of Amending Existing Laws and Regulations to Facilitate Consumer Choice and the Ability to Age in Peace**

**ONTP**

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

## **Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services**

HP 1141 proposed to establish the Joint Study Committee to Study the Most Appropriate Means of Amending Existing Laws and Regulations to Facilitate Consumer Choice and the Ability to Age in Place.