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*State Of Maine
120th Legislature*

First Regular Session

Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Business and Economic Development*

August 2001

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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).

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 Business and Economic Development

LD 65

An Act to Require Elevators Installed during New Construction be Large enough to Accommodate Ambulance Stretchers

PUBLIC 178

Sponsor(s)
BULL

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
H-105

LD 65 proposed to require that elevators in public buildings be large enough to accommodate ambulance stretchers.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-105) proposed to require that whenever plans for the construction of a new multi-story building or for a new addition to an existing multi-story building that extends beyond the original exterior walls include the installation of a passenger elevator, the elevator must be large enough to accommodate an ambulance stretcher in a fully supine position. The amendment would apply to buildings that house private or nonprofit entities that serve the public or are places of public accommodation constructed after January 1, 2002. The amendment would exclude buildings owned by a local unit of government.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 178 provides that whenever plans for the construction of a new multi-story building or for a new addition to an existing multi-story building that extends beyond the original exterior walls include the installation of a passenger elevator, the elevator must be large enough to accommodate an ambulance stretcher in a fully supine position. This requirement applies to buildings that house private or nonprofit entities that serve the public or are places of public accommodation constructed after January 1, 2002 and excludes buildings owned by a local unit of government.

LD 68

An Act to Permit the Sale of Motorcycles on Sunday

ONTP

Sponsor(s)
ANDREWS

Committee Report
ONTP MAJ
OTP-AM MIN

Amendments Adopted

LD 68 proposed to allow a person whose primary business is the sale of motorcycles to sell motorcycles on Sunday.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-108) was the minority report and was not adopted. The amendment proposed to strike the title and language of the original bill. The amendment also proposed to clarify that the current law prohibiting the sale of motor vehicles on Sunday by allowing licensed dealers of motorcycles, whose primary business is the buying and selling of motorcycles, to display motorcycles on their lots on Sunday and to answer questions about features, options and accessories on those displayed motorcycles. The amendment, however, did not propose to remove the prohibition against sales of motor vehicles on Sunday.