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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 117 **An Act to Require Consignment Businesses to Provide Itemized Receipts** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> DAVIS G		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 117 proposed to require that a person who receives goods for sale on consignment provide an itemized receipt of these goods and copies of the receipts of the sales of these goods to the person who consigns them.

LD 118 **An Act to Establish Requirements for Licensed Physicians Regarding Naturopathic Treatments** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> DAVIS G		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 118 proposed to require that licensed physicians who advertise as providers of naturopathic medicine offer naturopathic medical treatments to patients seeking naturopathic care, provide research information to those patients and notify those patients of any limitations of the physician's malpractice insurance regarding naturopathic medicine.

LD 143 **An Act to Allow Landlords to Participate in the Fuel Assistance Program** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SNOWE-MELLO DAVIS P		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 143 proposed that Low-income Home Energy Assistance funds be paid directly to the landlord when a tenant is provided assistance under the LIHEAP program and the landlord provides oil heat to that tenant.

LD 160 **An Act to Extend the Lemon Law to Snowmobiles** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> BELANGER		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 160 proposed to establish a "lemon law" governing the sale of new snowmobiles in the State. The bill also proposed to establish state-certified arbitration for disputes over new snowmobiles.