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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

3. Advising, consulting and assisting the legislative and executive branches of government on development of policies and procedures related to confidential personal data;
4. Coordinating communication and cooperation among components of State Government; and
5. Educating the public about the status of personal data and how to protect privacy.

The person performing this function would be in a position that, to the greatest extent possible, is not subject to political or economic pressure. This person would have authority to maintain the confidentiality of information in that person's possession.

LD 310 **An Act to Require Bonding of Building Contractors** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> COWGER CATHCART	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 310 proposed to require home construction contractors to be bonded for an amount equal to prepayments made by a homeowner or lessee.

LD 322 **An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Franchise Laws** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> LAFOUNTAIN	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 322 proposed to provide that a motor vehicle franchisor may not recover the costs incurred in reimbursing a franchisee for warranty work it performs that is required or permitted by the franchisor.

LD 324 **An Act Regarding the Rescission Period in the Purchase of Time Shares** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> DAVIS P JONES	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 324 proposed to reduce the time period in which the purchaser or potential purchaser of a time-share unit from a developer may cancel the contract or conveyance. This bill proposed to reduce the current 10-day cancellation period to 3 days. As proposed, the developer would not be required to return the full amount of the deposit if the purchaser or potential purchaser cancels after the 3-day period has expired.