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*State Of Maine
120th Legislature*

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Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Business and Economic Development*

August 2001

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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
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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

Committee Amendment "A" (S-93), the minority report, proposed to increase the amount of time a purchaser or potential purchaser of a time-share unit for a developer has to cancel the contract from 3 calendar days to 5 business days.

LD 336

An Act to Protect the Privacy of Maine Physicians

PUBLIC 214

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KILKELLY BRUNO	OTP-AM	S-118

LD 336 proposed to protect the privacy of physicians in the State by preventing the Board of Licensure in Medicine and the Board of Osteopathic Licensure from disclosing to the public certain personal information.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-118) proposed to clarify what information the Board of Licensure in Medicine and the Board of Osteopathic Licensure would be required to keep confidential and would allow the boards to share an applicant's or licensee's personal address and telephone number with governmental licensing or disciplinary authorities or any health care providers that are concerned with regulating a physician's employment or privileges. The amendment further proposed to provide that personal health information submitted, as part of an application, would be confidential but could also be shared with other appropriate regulatory entities.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 214 protects the privacy of physicians in the State by preventing the Board of Licensure in Medicine and the Board of Osteopathic Licensure from disclosing to the public certain personal information. This Public Law allows the Board of Licensure in Medicine and the Board of Osteopathic Licensure to share an applicant's or licensee's personal address and telephone number with governmental licensing or disciplinary authorities or any health care providers that are concerned with regulating a physician's employment or privileges. This law also provides that personal health information submitted as part of an application is confidential but can be shared with other appropriate regulatory entities.

LD 341

An Act to Appropriate Block Grants to Promote Regional Tourism

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MILLS	ONTP	

LD 341 proposed to establish the Regional Tourism Promotion Grant Program to be administered by the Office of Tourism and Community Development within the Department of Economic and Community Development. The bill proposed that through the grant program, the 8 tourism regions of the State receive grants of up to \$100,000 per region per year to promote tourism in the regions. In addition, the proposed bill listed criteria for determining eligibility for the grants. The program would have been funded primarily by directing the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development to use \$400,000 of the budget of the Office of Tourism and Community Development for grants. Under the proposed bill, the program would be authorized to receive additional funds from other sources.