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Bill Summaries

Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy

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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, <u>History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents</u>, 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 Ch	Bill Carried Over to Second Regular Session hapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE	Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	
	ccepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill
	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 REFORE THE BODY	Ruled out of order by the presiding officers: hill died
INDEF PP	Bill Indefinitely Postponed
ONTP	Bill Indefinitely Postponed Ought Not To Pass report accepted
<i>OTP ND</i>	Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft
<i>OTP ND/NT</i>	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*.

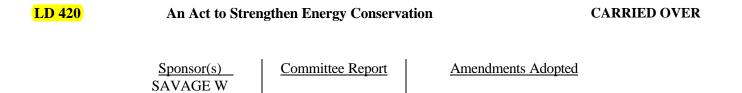
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- 3. To establish a penalty provision, administered by the Public Utilities Commission, for violations of the law;
- To require the Emergency Services Communication Bureau to submit for review by the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy any rules it proposes to adopt pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 25, section 2933; and
- 5. To add a fiscal note to the bill.

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Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 53 requires every telephone utility providing local exchange service in Maine to implement Enhanced 9-1-1 and to provide the necessary subscriber information to the E-9-1-1 system in the format and frequency established by Department of Public Safety, Emergency Services Communication Bureau rules. It requires local exchange carriers and cellular and wireless providers to designate a primary contact person to work with the Emergency Services Communication Bureau but that that person may delegate the authority to others. It establishes a penalty provision, administered by the Public Utilities Commission, for violations of the law. It also requires the Emergency Services Communication Bureau to submit for review by the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy any rules it proposes to adopt pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 25, section 2933.



LD 420 proposes to require the Public Utilities Commission to establish total conservation program expenditures for each transmission and distribution utility that account for relative levels of total conservation program expenditures in this State compared with other New England states that do not exceed .25 cents per kilowatt hour.

LD 435 An Act to Amend the Charter of the Lewiston-Auburn Water P & S 6 Pollution Control Authority

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
MAILHOT	OTP-AM	H-22
DOUGLASS		

LD 435 proposed to amend the Charter of the Lewiston-Auburn Water Pollution Control Authority to include Lewiston's Assistant City Administrator and Auburn's Assistant City Manager as board members under certain circumstances.

Committee Amendment ''A'' (H-22) proposed to remove language from the charter relative to the service of the City Administrator of Lewiston or the City Manager of Auburn on the board of the Lewiston-Auburn Water