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*State Of Maine
120th Legislature*

First Regular Session

Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Banking and Insurance*

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 Banking and Insurance

LD 452

An Act to Assist Individuals in Obtaining Catastrophic Insurance

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> TRAHAN MCALEVEY	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 452 proposed to provide premium subsidies based on income to individuals covered under catastrophic health plans. Those individuals with incomes at or below 200% of the poverty line and up to 250% of the poverty line would have qualified for a premium subsidy on a sliding-scale basis. The bill defined an individual catastrophic health plan as a health plan providing comprehensive benefits that imposes a deductible of \$2,500.

LD 474

An Act to Require Liability Insurance Carriers to Disclose Limits of Liability to Claimants

**DIED IN
CONCURRENCE**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SAVAGE W	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 474 proposed to require a liability insurance carrier of a potential defendant to provide a claimant with the limitations of liability in the insurance agreement that the carrier has with the potential defendant and impose a civil penalty of \$100 a day for each day an insurance carrier fails to provide the required information.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-49) was the minority report of the committee and replaced the bill. It proposed to remove the provision assessing a per diem penalty and make violations subject to civil penalty in accordance with violations of other provisions of the Maine Insurance Code. The amendment also proposed to make other technical changes and clarifications and add a fiscal note to the bill. Committee Amendment "A" was not adopted.

LD 482

An Act to Ensure Equality in Health Insurance Coverage for Eating Disorders for Children and Adults

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> BROOKS	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 482 proposed to require health insurance policies and contracts to provide coverage for eating disorders to any person, including a person who is under 18 years of age.

See related bills LD 1572 and LD 1627.