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*State Of Maine
120th Legislature*

Second Regular Session

Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Appropriations And Financial Affairs*

May 2002

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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
May 2002

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 organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is arranged alphabetically by committee name and within committees by bill (LD) number.

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:

- 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
PASSED..... Joint Order passed in both bodies
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 Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is July 25, 2002.

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Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Enacted Law Summary:

Public Law 2001, chapter 709 expands the sales tax exemption for machinery and equipment used:

1. In the generation of digital television broadcast signals, for sales from March 1, 2003 to July 2003; and
2. In the generation of all radio and television broadcast signals (excludes cable television transmission), for sales after June 30, 2003.

Public Law 2001, chapter 709 was vetoed by the Governor on April 17, 2002, and the veto was overridden by the Legislature on April 24, 2002.

LD 472

Resolve, to Establish a Fatherhood Issues Study Commission

RESOLVE 121

Sponsor(s)
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Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
H-852

LD 472 was a concept draft that proposed to establish a study commission to examine various issues associated with being a father in Maine.

Committee Amendment “B” (H-852) proposed to replace the original concept draft with a resolve to create the Commission on Fatherhood Issues consisting of 9 members appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The commission would study issues concerning the barriers to being an involved father in Maine. In addition to looking at specific issues, the commission would also identify and develop strategies to improve the parenting abilities of fathers.

This resolve was a carry over from the 1st Regular Session of the 120th Legislature.

Enacted Law Summary:

Resolve 2001, chapter 121 establishes a study commission to examine various issues associated with being a father in Maine and provides funds for the per diem and expenses of legislative members and the reimbursement of necessary expenses of public members of the Commission on Fatherhood Issues, as well as printing and mailing costs.