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*Bill Summaries*

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Health and Human Services*

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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](http://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 Health and Human Services

Services. This bill proposed to direct the Department of Human Services to seek federal matching funds for a pilot project utilizing nursing facility flex beds.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-240)** proposed to add an appropriation section and a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 539**                      **An Act Regarding Commercial Swimming Pools and Hot Tubs**                      **ONTP**

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

LD 539, a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208, proposed to require or encourage commercial facilities with swimming pools and hot tubs to use an alternative to chlorine.

**LD 540**                      **Resolve, to Coordinate and Improve Access To Health Care for Women**                      **RESOLVE 25**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACOBS TREAT	OTP-AM	H-242

LD 540 proposed to direct the Department of Human Services, Bureau of Health to establish a coordinator for women's health services and build partnerships with community-based organizations, academic institutions and federal agencies. The resolve proposed to allocate funds for such a position, contingent on the receipt of federal funds for that purpose.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-242)** proposed to add an allocation section and a fiscal note to the resolve.

### *Enacted law summary*

Resolve 2001, chapter 25 directs the Department of Human Services, Bureau of Health to establish a coordinator for women's health services and build partnerships with community-based organizations, academic institutions and federal agencies. The resolve also allocates funds for such a position, contingent on the receipt of federal funds for that purpose.

**LD 549**                      **Resolve, to Improve the Accessibility of Nursing Facility Services for Consumers with Chronic Conditions**                      **ONTP**

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