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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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**120th Legislature**  
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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, 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 Banking and Insurance

**LD 606**

**Resolve, to Reduce the Cost of Health Care Policies Purchased by Consumers and Businesses**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TURNER	ONTP      MAJ OTP-AM    MIN	

LD 606 proposed to require the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance to examine the state laws and rules governing health insurance and submit a report with implementing legislation that eliminates all mandated health insurance coverages to the Second Regular Session of the 120th Legislature no later than December 1, 2001.

**LD 688**

**An Act to Eliminate the Requirement that Workers' Compensation Insurers Disclose Certain Cost Breakdowns When Issuing Workers' Compensation Policies**

**PUBLIC 176**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RICHARDSON	OTP-AM	H-197

LD 688 proposed to eliminate the requirement that workers' compensation insurers include detailed cost information with workers' compensation policies.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-197)** proposed to require that workers' compensation insurers include detailed cost information with workers' compensation policies upon request from the employer.

### *Enacted law summary*

Public Law 2001, chapter 176 requires that workers' compensation insurers include detailed cost information with workers' compensation policies upon request from the employer.

**LD 726**

**An Act to Clarify the Medical Payments Subrogation Statute**

**ONTP**

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

LD 726 proposed to prohibit casualty insurers providing medical payments coverage from instituting any action to recover payments made to an insured from an insurer of a person legally responsible for the insured's injury prior to the insured obtaining a recovery through settlement or through trial without the prior written consent of the insured obtained after the insurer notifies its insured of its desire to take such action.