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Bill Summaries

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on
Business and Economic Development*

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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 Business and Economic Development

LD 248

An Act to Promote Economic Development in Rural Maine

ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| GOOLEY FERGUSON | ONTP | |

LD 248, a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208, proposed to promote economic development in rural Maine.

LD 658

An Act to Continue Funding for the Maine Microenterprise Initiative Fund

ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| SHOREY DUGAY | ONTP | |

LD 658 proposed to provide annual General Fund appropriations of \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2001-02 and fiscal year 2002-03 for the Department of Economic and Community Development's Maine Microenterprise Initiative Fund to provide grants to organizations that provide business assistance services to microenterprises.

LD 687

An Act to Maintain a Centralized Database for Schedule II Prescriptions Dispensed by Pharmacies in the State

ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| BRUNO | ONTP | |

LD 687 requires pharmacies to provide the Maine Board of Pharmacy with quarterly reports recording all schedule II drug transactions so that the board can maintain a centralized database.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-630) is the minority report of the Business and Economic Development Committee and proposed to amend the bill by designating the Department of Human Services as the department that would establish and maintain the schedule II drug database. The amendment also proposed to require a retail drug outlet or a mail order business that dispenses schedule II drugs and is registered under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, section 13751 to report schedule II drug transactions to the department on a quarterly basis. Additionally, the amendment proposed to require the dispensing facility to report, at a minimum, the pharmacy prescription number, pharmacy number, patient identifier, which may include the name of the customer and the customer's date of birth, the date the controlled substance was dispensed, the metric quantity of the controlled substance, the national drug code of the controlled substance, the estimated days of supply of the controlled substance dispensed and the prescriber's United States Drug Enforcement Agency registration number to the department. The amendment would designate information contained in the reports and in the database as confidential and limits its disclosure to governing bodies that license practitioners when they are conducting an investigation that involves schedule II drugs and to pharmacists, physicians and dentists when the information relates to their own patients. The amendment would expressly prohibit the release of confidential information from the database to law enforcement officers.