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*State Of Maine
120th Legislature*

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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 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 arranged alphabetically by committee name 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:

<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i>	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED IN CONCURRENCE</i>	<i>One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY</i>	<i>Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<i>ONTP</i>	<i>Ought Not To Pass report accepted</i>
<i>OTP ND</i>	<i>Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft</i>
<i>OTP ND/NT</i>	<i>Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title</i>
<i>P&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
<i>PASSED</i>	<i>Joint Order passed in both bodies</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of finally passed Resolve</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i>	<i>Bill held by Governor</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>

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

LD 477 **An Act Directing the Department of Human Services to Annually Adjust Dental Reimbursement Rates Under the Medicaid Program** **INDEF PP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> O'BRIEN J DAGGETT		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 477 proposed to direct the Department of Human Services to set the Medicaid reimbursement rates annually for dental services to the 50th percentile of the fees published in the most recent "Survey of Dental Fees, New England Region," published by the American Dental Association.

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

LD 701 **An Act to Build Parking Garages in Service Center Municipalities** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> TESSIER		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 701 proposed to require that, in awarding public infrastructure loans and grants, the Department of Economic and Community Development give priority to service center municipalities with populations under 20,000. The bill also proposed to allocate funds from the Municipal Investment Trust Fund to build parking garages in service center municipalities with populations under 20,000.

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

LD 725 **An Act to Maintain Maine Quality Centers' Current Level of Services** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> TESSIER BENNETT		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-403
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LD 725 proposed to appropriate \$440,000 to the Maine Technical College System's Maine Quality Centers to prevent a decrease from current levels of customized training and education services to qualified Maine businesses adding new workers.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-403) proposed to remove emergency provisions from the bill and to clarify that the appropriation would be on a one-time basis.

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