

## State Of Maine 120th Legislature

First Regular Session

## **Bill Summaries**

Joint Standing Committee on Banking and Insurance

## August 2001

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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, <u>History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents</u>, 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:

CARRIED OVER	Bill Carried Over to Second Regular Session
CON RES XXX Ch	Bill Carried Over to Second Regular Session hapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE	Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	
	ccepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill
	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 REFORE THE BODY	Ruled out of order by the presiding officers: hill died
INDEF PP	Bill Indefinitely Postponed
ONTP	Bill Indefinitely Postponed Ought Not To Pass report accepted
<i>OTP ND</i>	Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft
<i>OTP ND/NT</i>	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*.

#### Joint Standing Committee on Banking and Insurance

# LD 727Resolve, to Establish a Task Force to Study the Progress in<br/>Implementing a Single Claims Processing SystemONTP

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
FULLER	ONTP	
BENNETT		

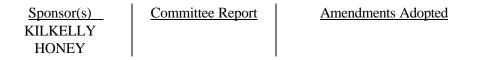
LD 727 proposed to establish the Task Force to Study the Progress Made in Implementing a Single Claims Processing System for 3rd-party Payors of Health Care Benefits to follow up on the work done by the Task Force to Study the Feasibility of a Single Claims Processing System for 3rd-party Payors of Health Care Benefits, as established in Resolve 1997, chapter 63.

## LD 778An Act to Require Health Insurance Companies to ProvideONTPAdvance Notice of Cancellation

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
KILKELLY	ONTP	
FULLER		

LD 778 proposed to require a health insurance company to notify an insured before canceling a policy for nonpayment of a premium. The notice must include language informing the insured that the policy will be cancelled if the premium is not paid within 2 weeks.

#### LD 782 An Act to Ensure Health Maintenance Organization Accountability CARRIED OVER



LD 782 proposed to define the term "undisputed claims" relative to health maintenance organizations, require the Superintendent of Insurance to collect data sufficient to enforce timely payment of undisputed claims and establish financial penalties for health maintenance organizations that do not make timely payment of claims.

LD 782 has been carried over to the Second Regular Session.