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*State Of Maine
120th Legislature*

First Regular Session

Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Business and Economic Development*

August 2001

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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).

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 Business and Economic Development

LD 781 **An Act to Require Veterinary Clinics to Fully Disclose Their After-hours Staffing Policies** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> BROMLEY MCKEE	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 781 proposed to require a veterinarian who maintains a facility to practice veterinary medicine to provide written notice to a pet owner when an animal is released to the facility indicating the after-hours staffing policies of the facility, including staffing levels and hours.

LD 815 **An Act to Foster the Survival of Maine Small Businesses in Snowmobile and ATV Sales** **PUBLIC 193**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> DAVIS P MENDROS	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-104
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LD 815 proposed that the annual sale of more than 8 snowmobiles or ATVs that are less than one year old without a dealer's license is, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 7901, a Class E crime.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-104) proposed to replace the bill. The amendment proposed to establish new definitions for both "new snowmobile" and "new all-terrain vehicle." It also proposed to make it illegal for a person who does not have both a franchise agreement with a manufacturer and a dealer's license to sell more than 2 new snowmobiles or all-terrain vehicles per year. The amendment also proposed that an unlawful sale of a snowmobile or ATV result in a civil forfeiture of not less than \$500 and a penalty of not more than \$5,000.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 193 provides definitions for both "new snowmobile" and "new all-terrain vehicle." It also makes it illegal for a person who does not have both a franchise agreement with a manufacturer and a dealer's license to sell more than 2 new snowmobiles or 2 new all-terrain vehicles per year. The law also establishes that an unlawful sale of a snowmobile or ATV may result in a civil forfeiture of not less than \$500 and a civil penalty of not more than \$5,000.