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*State Of Maine
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Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Business and Economic Development*

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, 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**.

David E. Boulter, Director
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Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development

LD 986

Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study Employee Ownership Options for Maine Businesses

**DIED ON
ADJOURNMENT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GREEN BROMLEY	OTP-AM	H-223

LD 986 proposed to establish the Commission to Study Ownership Patterns in Maine. A similar commission had been established in the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature, but that commission had been unable to commence its tasks due to time constraints. The bill, as amended by Committee Amendment "A," was not removed by the Senate from its Special Appropriations Table and died on adjournment of the First Regular Session.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-223) proposed to change the title of the resolve and to amend the duties of the study commission. The Commission to Study Employee Ownership Options for Maine Businesses would examine a variety of issues related to employee ownership of businesses in this State, including the feasibility of establishing an employee ownership feasibility program. The amendment proposed to strike from the commission's original duties requirements that it analyze the patterns of business ownership in Maine and that it study the impacts of these changes in business ownership, among other things. The amendment also proposed to add an appropriation section and a fiscal note to the resolve.

LD 987

An Act to Change Certain Educational Requirements for Licensed Social Workers

PUBLIC 316

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DESMOND	OTP-AM	H-466

LD 987 proposed to create the position of licensed bachelor social worker and would have established standards and educational requirements for the position.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-466) proposed to remove the separate licensing category of licensed bachelor social worker and to subsume those provisions under the existing category of licensed social worker. The amendment would require anyone who is not licensed as a social worker or holds a licensed social worker conditional license prior to June 30, 2002 to meet the proposed new educational requirements. The amendment would also allow a licensed social worker with 2 instead of 5 years' experience to enter into consultation with a licensure candidate.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 316 provides that a person must hold a bachelor's degree in social work or social welfare before being eligible to be licensed as a social worker unless that person was licensed as a social worker or holds a licensed social worker conditional license prior to June 30, 2002. The law also allows a licensed social worker with 2 instead of 5 years of experience to enter into consultation with a licensure candidate.