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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**  
**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](http://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 990**

**An Act to Establish the Maine Regulatory Fairness Board**

**PUBLIC 96**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> KILKELLY		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-57
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LD 990 proposed to establish the 5-member Maine Regulatory Fairness Board. Among the duties of this proposed advisory board would be to take testimony concerning, and to report to the Legislature and the Governor at least annually on, regulatory and statutory changes necessary to enhance the State's business climate.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-57)** proposed to amend the bill by requiring the Governor to endeavor to ensure regional representation on the Maine Regulatory Fairness Board. It also proposed to reduce the minimum number of required meetings of the board from 4 to 2 and to require that the State Planning Office provide technical support to the board. It also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

## *Enacted law summary*

Public Law 2001, chapter 96 establishes the 5-member Maine Regulatory Fairness Board. Among the duties of this advisory board are to take testimony concerning, and to report to the Legislature and the Governor at least annually on, regulatory and statutory changes necessary to enhance the State's business climate. The law requires the Governor to attempt to ensure regional representation on the board and that the board hold at least 2 meetings annually. The law also requires the State Planning Office to provide technical support to the board.

**LD 997**

**Resolve, to Enhance Economic Development in Eastern Maine**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> GOLDTHWAIT POVICH		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP MAJ OTP MIN		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 997 proposed to establish the Commission to Promote Workforce Development in Eastern Maine. The bill also proposed to establish and fund 20 new positions within the Department of Public Safety, Maine Drug Enforcement Agency in eastern Maine to reduce the prevalence of illegal drug activity.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-87)** was the minority amendment and proposed to amend Part A of the original resolve by changing the appointing authority for several study commission appointments and adding a 17th member of the study commission to represent the Maine Ambulatory Care Coalition. The amendment also proposed to amend Part B of the resolve by providing that the Director of the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency assign 20 new agents among the 3 counties specified in the legislation. The amendment also proposed to amend Part B with a new section that terminates the new positions after 2 years unless the Legislature acts to continue them. As proposed, the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice matters would have been required to evaluate the effectiveness of the new positions in combating drug-related crime in the 3 counties and to recommend to the First Regular Session of the 121st Legislature whether or not to continue the 20 new positions beyond the termination date. The amendment also proposed to add a fiscal note. This amendment was not adopted.