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*State Of Maine
120th Legislature*

Second Regular Session

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 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.

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:

- 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
PASSED..... Joint Order passed in both bodies
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 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 1023

An Act to Enhance the Quality and Accessibility of HIV Services and Prevention Services

INDEF PP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
QUINT RAND	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-785

LD 1023 proposed to direct the Department of Human Services to offer public information about and prevention and treatment services for HIV and AIDS. The services would be made available on a statewide basis, would serve rural and urban populations and would respond to the needs of the communities to which services are offered. In planning for HIV services, the department would have been required to seek and take into consideration the advice of the Maine HIV Advisory Committee established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 19202.

Committee Amendment “B” (H-785), which was the majority report of the committee, proposed to eliminate funding for fiscal year 2001-02, replace the bill's appropriation section and add a fiscal note to the bill.

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

LD 1135

An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$5,000,000 for the Testing of Marine Dredge Spoils and the Proper Disposal of Spoils that are Special or Hazardous Waste

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
NORBERT	ONTP	

LD 1135 proposed that the funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$5,000,000, would be used to pay for the testing of marine dredge spoils and to properly dispose of spoils that were classified as special or hazardous waste under the state environmental laws because of contaminants in the spoils.

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

LD 1153

An Act to Increase Certain Civil Process Fees

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BUNKER MCALEVEY	ONTP	H-428

LD 1153 proposed to increase the fee paid to sheriffs and deputy sheriffs by the State for service of certain civil process papers. Under the bill, the fee would increase from \$4 to \$8 for regular service and from \$8 to \$16 for service in hand.

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Committee Amendment “A” (H-428) which was the majority amendment of the committee proposed to increase the fee county commissioners may charge for county administrative costs related to service of certain civil process papers from \$1 to \$2 per service. The amendment also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

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

LD 1230 **An Act to Continue the Sales Tax Exemption on Vehicles Sold and Leased and Removed from the State** **PUBLIC 682**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> WINSOR BENNETT	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-784 S-599 GOLDTHWAIT
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LD 1230 proposed to repeal the July 1, 2001 sunset on the sales tax exemption for leases of certain vehicles to a non-resident if the vehicle is intended to be removed from the State immediately upon delivery.

Committee Amendment “B” (H-784) which was the majority report of the committee, proposed to reinstitute the sales tax exemption, which expired June 30, 2001, for leases of certain vehicles to a nonresident if the vehicle is intended to be removed from the State immediately upon delivery.

Senate Amendment “A” to Committee Amendment “B” (S-599) proposed to delay the effective date of the reinstatement of the sales tax exemption until July 1, 2003.

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

Enacted Law Summary:

Public Law 2001, chapter 682 reinstates, effective July 1, 2003, a sales tax exemption which expired June 30, 2001, for leases of certain vehicles to a non-resident if the vehicle is intended to be removed from the State immediately upon delivery.

LD 1440 **An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount Of \$7,000,000 to Provide Adequate Facilities for Business Expansion or Relocation in the State** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MICHAUD MH	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-353
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LD 1440 proposed a bond issue, in the amount of \$7,000,000, to be used by the Department of Economic and Community Development to assist communities to construct community industrial buildings to provide adequate facilities for business expansion or relocation.