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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**.

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

LD 1349

**An Act to Transfer Oversight of Geologists to the Bureau of
Geology and Natural Areas**

ONTP

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

LD 1349 proposed to transfer oversight of geologists and soil scientists from the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Geology and Natural Areas.

LD 1357

**Resolve, to Study the Statutes Pertaining to Funeral Homes,
Crematories and Cemeteries**

RESOLVE 30

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BENNETT MAYO	OTP-AM	H-248 RICHARDSON S-86

LD 1357 proposed to direct the Department of Economic and Community Development to create a working group to review the laws pertaining to funeral homes, crematories and cemeteries and their roles in meeting the needs of Maine families.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-86) proposed to strike and replace the text of the resolve. The amendment proposed to add membership to the working group, limit the number of meetings the working group may hold, require the working group to report back to the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development and require the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, the Department of Human Services and the Department of Environmental Protection to appoint members to the working group and to share in the expenses of the group within the departments' budgeted resources. It also proposed to add a fiscal note.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-248) proposed to correct the name of the Maine Cemetery Association.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 2001, chapter 30 directs the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, the Department of Human Services and the Department of Environmental Protection to create a working group to review the laws pertaining to crematories and cemeteries and, where related, funeral homes. This resolve provides for the membership of the working group, limits the number of meetings the working group may hold, requires the working group to report back to the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development by March 15, 2002. Additionally, this resolve requires the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, the Department of Human Services and the Department of Environmental Protection to appoint members to the working group and to share in the expenses of the group within the departments' budgeted resources.