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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
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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 1407 **An Act Providing for the Licensure of Ophthalmic Dispensing** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MURPHY T	ONTP MAJ OTP MIN	

LD 1407 proposed to create a licensing requirement for ophthalmic dispensers and establish the Ophthalmic Dispensing Board as the professional licensing board.

LD 1438 **An Act to Strengthen the Maine Sister City Relationship with Aomori, Japan** **ONTP**

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

LD 1438 proposed to create the Sister State Advisory Council established by the State Planning Office to strengthen the economic and cultural ties with Aomori, Japan.

LD 1463 **An Act to Revise the Maine Science and Technology Foundation's Charter and Revise the Charter of the Centers for Innovation** **PUBLIC 95**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TESSIER GAGNON	OTP-AM	H-188

LD 1463 proposed to eliminate reference to the Centers for Innovation from the charter of the Maine Science and Technology Foundation, to update the charter to include duties involving the Maine Technology Institute and the Maine Technology Capacity Fund and to revise the Centers for Innovation Program and establish the program in its own chapter in the Maine Revised Statutes.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-188) proposed to amend the original bill by striking reference to both the Maine Technology Institute and other centers for innovation that may be established by the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development. It also proposed to add a new section that preserves the sales tax exemption for the centers for innovation that has been available to them as subsidiary entities of the Maine Science and Technology Foundation. It also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 95 eliminates reference to the Centers for Innovation from the charter of the Maine Science and Technology Foundation. The law also updates the MSTF charter to include duties involving the Maine Technology Capacity Fund. It also revises the Centers for Innovation Program and establishes the program in its