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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**.

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Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development

LD 1513

An Act to Encourage the Profession of Nursing by Establishing a Nursing Education Loan Fund

ONTP

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

LD 1513 proposed to establish the Nursing Education Loan Program. Under the proposed program, the Finance Authority of Maine would have awarded loans to Maine residents who had been accepted into a professional nursing degree program. The loans would have been available to persons seeking initial degrees or furthering their nursing education. If a loan recipient elected to practice nursing in the State, the loan recipient would have been forgiven a portion of the loan for each calendar year worked. The bill also proposed to establish a nonlapsing fund that could be used to make the loan.

LD 1600

An Act to Provide Relief from High Fuel Costs

ONTP

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

LD 1600 proposed to provide for the guarantee of loans up to \$1,000 by the Finance Authority of Maine for individuals who are residents of the State and are not eligible for the Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program to lock in the purchase price of home heating fuel at a prewinter heating season rate.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-599) proposed to add an appropriation section and fiscal note to the bill.

LD 1612

An Act to Regulate Colonics

ONTP

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

LD 1612 proposed to require practitioners of colonic irrigation to be licensed pursuant to criteria established by the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation. The bill proposed to require that the commissioner establish an advisory council to advise and consult with the commissioner concerning the regulation of colonic practitioners. The bill also proposed to authorize the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to establish continuing education requirements for maintaining a license. The bill further proposed to set forth guidelines for disciplinary action and make practicing colonic irrigation without a license a Class E crime. Licensed physicians would have been exempt from the requirements of this bill.