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Bill Summaries

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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 Criminal Justice

LD 1620

An Act to Enact Mandatory Minimum Sentences for Firearms Offenses to Make the State Eligible for Firearms Sentencing Incentive Grants

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MUSE C		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1620, which was carried over from the First Regular Session, proposed to create the offenses of criminal possession of a firearm and criminal use of a firearm, both of which are Class C crimes that carry mandatory minimum 5-year sentences. LD 1620 proposed that a person is guilty of criminal possession of a firearm if the person was convicted of a crime of violence and was in possession of a firearm. LD 1620 proposed that a person is guilty of criminal use of a firearm if the person used or carried a firearm while committing a crime of violence or a Class A, B or C drug offense. This bill also proposed to require the Commissioner of Public Safety to implement a public awareness and community support program to build support for and warn potential violators of the provisions of the law.

LD 1657

An Act to Improve Emergency Medical Services by Expanding the Pool of Qualified Emergency Medical Services Personnel

PUBLIC 474

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> POVICH		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1657, which was carried over from the First Regular Session, proposed to repeal the requirement that, prior to being licensed as an emergency medical services person, a person must be sponsored by a Maine licensed ambulance service or nontransporting emergency medical service.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 474 repeals the requirement that, prior to being licensed as an emergency medical services person, a person must be sponsored by a Maine licensed ambulance service or nontransporting emergency medical service.

LD 1846

An Act to Ensure Victim Safety

PUBLIC 477

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> PEAVEY		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1846 proposed to amend the law regarding public disclosure of information to clarify that disclosure pertains to out-of-state probationers and parolees only if they are adults, which is consistent with the law for disclosure of information regarding in-state probationers and parolees. The bill also proposed to expand the Commissioner of Corrections' ability to determine if disclosure of information is detrimental to the welfare of clients to include those who are on probation or parole to protect them from domestic or other violence.