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*State Of Maine
120th Legislature*

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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
August 2001

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

to the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development and the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy by December 5, 2001.

Resolve 2001, chapter 67 was emergency legislation that became effective June 28, 2001.

LD 1634

An Act to Amend the Laws Pertaining to the Maine Small Business Commission

PUBLIC 142

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SHOREY BRYANT	OTP	

LD 1634 proposed to require the Maine Small Business Commission to evaluate entrepreneurial programs as part of its duties and to require the commission to advise the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development in developing and implementing statewide strategies and policies as they relate to encouraging economic development by developing entrepreneurial businesses around the State. The bill also proposed to change the number of members of the commission from 3 to 7.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 142 requires the Maine Small Business Commission to evaluate entrepreneurial programs as part of its duties and requires the commission to advise the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development to assist in developing and implementing statewide strategies and policies as they relate to encouraging economic development by developing entrepreneurial businesses around the State. The law also increases the number of members of the commission from 3 to 7.

LD 1639

An Act to Improve the Licensing and Regulation of Denturists

PUBLIC 337

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MICHAUD MH STANLEY	OTP-AM	S-204

LD 1639 proposed to makes several changes relating to denturists and dental practices. Specifically, the bill proposed the following:

1. To authorizes denturists to become shareholders in dental practices and to add a denturist as a member of the Board of Dental Examiners;
2. To establish the Denturist Subcommittee as an independent subcommittee of the Board of Dental Examiners with jurisdiction over examinations and approval of educational curriculums and continuing education;
3. To clarify the definition of the "practice of denturism";