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Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Marine Resources*

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 Marine Resources

LD 1682

An Act to Restructure the Sea Urchin Lottery

ONTP

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

LD 1682 proposed to change the licensing for sea urchin dragging. Beginning in January 2002, the bill proposed to license individuals rather than licensing the activities of a boat. It allowed for a one-time change to the named individual on a sea urchin dragging license to coincide with the owner of the boat named on that license in 2000. Beginning in January 2002, the bill also proposed to require an individual who held a sea urchin dragging license to be aboard the boat named on that license when fishing for sea urchins. It also made exemptions for temporary illness or disability on the part of the licensee or temporary changes due to boat accident or mechanical failure. A "grandfathering" exemption was added to allow for a person who currently held more than one sea urchin dragging license to continue to do so until the current boat named on that license changed.

The bill also proposed to change the sea urchin lottery system to a limited entry system and instructed the Commissioner of Marine Resources to adopt rules to establish a limited entry system for sea urchins.

The provisions of LD 1682 were incorporated into Public Law 2001, chapter 327.

LD 1717

An Act to Amend the Laws Pertaining to Municipal Shellfish Management

PUBLIC 188

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LEMOINE LEMONT		OTP-AM		H-257

LD 1717 proposed to amend the laws governing municipal shellfish management programs to clarify portions of those laws.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-257) proposed to clarify the bill by requiring that a licensing authority that issues recreational licenses to residents must issue recreational licenses to nonresidents as well.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 188 amends the laws governing municipal shellfish management programs to clarify portions of those laws.