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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

Committee Amendment "A" (H-326) proposed to require the Director of Licensing and Registration within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to provide reasonable notice to the affected board of any fee change proposed by rule. The amendment also proposed to establish a reporting requirement to the Legislature by the director regarding fees and fee caps and proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

House Amendment "A" (H-407) corrects a clerical error in the bill.

LD 1723

An Act to Amend the Maine Athletic Commission Laws

**PUBLIC 166
EMERGENCY**

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

LD 1723 proposed to amend the laws regarding the Maine Athletic Commission by authorizing the commission to license and regulate professional wrestlers in the interest of public safety, reduces the gate tax on gate receipts from 15% per event to 5% per event and specifies the contents of reports of events filed by commissioners with the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation. In addition, the bill proposed to prohibit so-called "toughman," "badman" and "ultimate fighting matches" and events.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 166 amends the laws regarding the Maine Athletic Commission by authorizing the commission to license and regulate professional wrestlers in the interest of public safety, reduces the gate tax on gate receipts from 15% per event to 5% per event and specifies the contents of reports of events filed by commissioners with the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation. In addition, the bill prohibits so-called "toughman," "badman" and "ultimate fighting" matches and events.

Public Law 2001, chapter 166 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 15, 2001.

LD 1731

An Act to Require Registration of Building Contractors

CARRIED OVER

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

LD 1731 proposed to require construction contractors who build or repair buildings and whose contracts with any consumer exceed \$4,500 to be registered with the State. The Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development voted to carry over the bill to the Second Regular Session pending a report from a subcommittee that is working with interested parties to amend the bill to establish a homebuilding contractor licensing process.