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Bill Summaries

Joint Standing Committee
on
Legal and Veterans' Affairs

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, <u>History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents</u>, 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.*

Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans' Affairs

LD 1715   **An Act Relating to Video Gaming Machines**   **ONTP**

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
MICHAEL	ONTP	

LD 1715 proposed to allow operation of video gaming machines by nonprofit organizations that are eligible for games of chance licenses and that are exempt from federal tax under the Internal Revenue Code, Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), 501(c)(8), 501(c)(10) or 501(c)(19). These sections of the Internal Revenue Code refer to charitable organizations, civic leagues, fraternal benefit societies, domestic fraternal societies and associations and veterans organizations. As proposed, the organization applying for the license should own or lease the premises on which the machines would be placed and should use the premises for its primary charitable or nonprofit purpose.

LD 1752   **An Act to Update the Department of Defense, Veterans and**   **CARRIED OVER**
                      Emergency Management Laws

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
TUTTLE		
DOUGLASS		

LD 1752, which was carried over to the Second Regular Session, proposes to make technical and substantive language changes throughout the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management's laws. It proposes to modify the Maine Code of Military Justice, authorize the sale of 2 armories in accordance with established procedures, fortify reemployment rights of service members, redesignate veteran service officers to veteran advocate, include fees as part of tuition reimbursement and modify the mechanism by which the Governor declares a state of emergency.

LD 1803   **Resolve, Authorizing the Department of Defense, Veterans and**   **DIED ON**
                      Emergency Management to Accept Land for a Veterans' Cemetery   **ADJOURNMENT**
                      in Southern Maine

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
TUTTLE	OTP	

LD 1803 proposed to authorize the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to accept land in southern Maine for the purpose of establishing a veterans' cemetery.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-230) added a fiscal note to the resolve.