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Bill Summaries

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on
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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 Health and Human Services

LD 1799

An Act to Strengthen the Certificate of Need Law

CARRIED OVER

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

LD 1799 proposed to repeal and replace the Maine Certificate of Need Act of 1978. This bill proposed to require that health prevention services be part of reviewable projects, clarify when certificate of need waivers can be granted, clarify the ability of the Department of Human Services to impose conditions on a certificate of need, change certain dates, eliminate the Certificate of Need Advisory Committee and authorize the commissioner to establish a new advisory committee.

This bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 120th Legislature.

LD 1816

Resolve, Regarding Pharmacists and Pharmaceutical Benefits (New Draft of S.P. 528, L.D. 1651)(New Title)

RESOLVE 56

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MITCHELL B FULLER		

LD 1816 is a new draft derived from LD 1651. This bill proposed to require the Department of Professional and Financial Services to study including pharmacists as practitioners in the Maine Health Security Act and requiring a standardized pharmaceutical benefits identification card.

See also LD 1651.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 2001, chapter 56 requires the Department of Professional and Financial Services to study including pharmacists as practitioners in the Maine Health Security Act and requiring standardized pharmaceutical benefits identification cards.

This resolve is derived from LD 1651.

LD 1830

An Act Concerning Tax Anticipation Notes and Authorizing Expenditures for Funding among Pharmaceutical Benefits Programs

PUBLIC 467
EMERGENCY

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BERRY R GOLDTHWAIT		

Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services

LD 1830 proposed:

1. To make certain changes in the laws regarding tax anticipation notes; and
2. To authorize spending for prescription drug programs from other similar programs, providing flexibility in the event that coverage is interrupted by litigation.

Enacted as an emergency measure, this law takes effect June 28, 2001, except that Section B-1 takes effect May 26, 2001.

See also LD 1790 and Public Law 2001, chapter 471.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 467 does the following:

1. Makes certain changes in the laws regarding tax anticipation notes; and
2. Authorizes spending for prescription drug programs from other similar programs, providing flexibility in the event that coverage is interrupted by litigation.

Public Law 2001, chapter 467 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 28, 2001.

HP 1139 **JOINT ORDER – relative to the Joint Study Commission to Review Compensation in the Office of Disability Determination Services** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> WATSON		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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HP 1139 proposed to establish the Joint Study Commission to Review Compensation in the Office of Disability Determination Services.

HP 1141 **JOINT ORDER – relative to the Joint Study Committee to Study the Most Appropriate Means of Amending Existing Laws and Regulations to Facilitate Consumer Choice and the Ability to Age in Peace** **ONTP**

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